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## Bin swap chance to be offered by chiefs

RESIDENTS in Dudley will be able to ask for smaller wheelie bins for their household rubbish if they don't have enough to fill a standard one, under new rules.

Around 40,000 homes across the borough are being given a grey 180-litre wheelie bin for their non-recyclable waste - which is expected to hold the equivalent of three black bags.

But residents who have less rubbish can swap their bin for a smaller 140-litre one.

A frequently answered questions leaflet on the council website says: "If once the bin has been delivered, residents feel the bin is too large, there will be an option to request it to be changed for a smaller 140L bin."

"Before arranging a 'bin-swap', residents should consider the extra waste which they're likely to produce at certain times of the year such as Christmas."

It is the first phase of a wider project which will see bins rolled out to all 128,000 homes in the borough before spring next year. Households in some areas of Quarry Bank, Netherton, Coseley, Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Halesowen have been among the first to receive their bins.

The cost of rolling out the new wheelie bins is expected to be around £2.5 million.

## Crash rider teen killed

A TEENAGE motorcyclist died after his bike crashed into railings in Halesowen.

Emergency services were called to the junction of Coombs Road and Amber Way in Halesowen shortly before 6.50pm on Saturday night. Paramedics battled to save 19-year-old Tom Oakes, but his injuries were too serious and he was confirmed dead at the scene. The road was shut for around three hours while investigations took place.

Floral tributes had been left tied to the railings in Amber Way.

# MARATHON RUNNER IN DISABILITY CLAIM

by Andrew Turton

**A BENEFITS cheat claimed he was unable to walk more than 15 yards without a rest - only to be caught on film crossing the finishing line of a half marathon.**

When investigators started probing claimant Noel Sanders they discovered he had run in 27 races in three years - all at least 10km long - despite claiming he was barely able to walk a few yards and needed support to help him stand.



Noel Sanders

## Hippodrome group looks to cut costs

A CAMPAIGN group fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome is planning to slash potential running costs by up to 80 per cent by seeking charitable status.

The move would help the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome reduce business rates for running the Castle Hill theatre and boost its plans to reopen the venue.

The trust would be able to claim an exemption from tax on most forms of income and capital gains, if they are applied to charitable purposes.

Group members believe they would shave cash off the £39,732 paid out in business rates before the bingo hall shut in 2009.

Advice on the transformation is being gathered from the Charity Commission and the Dudley Council for Voluntary Service.

Friends group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said: "We are applying for the charitable trust status at the moment."

"We are not sure at this stage how long it will take but we think it is important and it would help us a great deal. It would take up to 80 per cent off our rates."

In the group's business plan, members estimate performances on Friday and Saturday nights only would bring in around £21,000 with the venue half full. They say this would be offset against costs of £15,000 made up from heating, lighting, management and marketing of performances.

The 55-year-old from Brierley Hill, Dudley, told medics he struggled with simple daily tasks such as cutting up food, getting up in the morning and washing himself.

He described taking a number of prescription drugs to help with blood pressure, ease his pain and help him with depression.

But unbeknown to the authorities Sanders had joined a running club in the Black Country and was going on regular training runs. Sanders, who is now unemployed but recently worked as an administration assistant, had been secretary of Stourbridge Running Club for two years.

In total Sanders claimed £12,290 in disability living allowance and £5,173 in Jobseeker's Allowance between September 19, 2009, and January 28 this year. Sanders, of High Street, Brockmoor, pleaded guilty to two charges of dishonestly failing to notify the Department for Work and Pensions of a change in the circumstance affecting his benefit entitlement.

### Serious

He was given a 12-week suspended prison sentence for six months to run concurrently on both charges during a hearing at Dudley Magistrates Court. Sanders will also be supervised by the probation service and have to take part in a programme to educate him on benefit fraud. He will also have to pay £100 court costs.

In sentencing, chairman of the bench Mrs Dawn Gill, called Sanders' actions 'very serious' adding he narrowly escaped going to prison only after paying back the full amount he had claimed. Mrs Suki Rai, prosecuting, said Sanders had initially claimed he suffered from a range of health problems including rheumatoid arthritis.

According to records of his races, his best time for 10k was 63.02 minutes, and a half marathon 2.29 hours. Witnesses talked of him taking part in cross country events. They had never seen him use a walking aid, Dudley Magistrates Court was told.

## Seven-year attendance award



Melanie O'Neill, of Wallbrook Primary, who has attended for seven years without absence

A GIRL from Coseley who was struck down by meningitis as a baby has proved her full recovery after achieving 100 per cent attendance over seven years at primary school.

Melanie O'Neill, aged 11, was diagnosed with the disease aged just three months old.

Her parents Andy and Alison feared they might lose her and they were also concerned over possible side-effects following her survival. But the young girl made a full recovery and since joining Wallbrook Primary

School, in Bradleys Lane, Coseley, has not missed a day of class. As a reward, the school has given her tickets to see Sleeping Beauty starring Joe Pasquale at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. She joins RSA Academy in Tipton next month.

Mr O'Neill, aged 55, of Julie Croft, Coseley, said: "We're so proud of her. Considering what she went through as a child it is quite incredible her attendance levels at the school are so good."

## Deadline is set for canalside site start

BOSSES at Dudley Canal Trust are hoping to start work on both phases of a £3.3 million visitor and heritage centre by the end of the year.

They say they are 'quietly optimistic' that a bid for £997,000 of European funding for the scheme will be successful. The attraction has already been awarded £989,200 for the scheme from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The money will be used to build The Portal, which will provide the tens of thousands of visitors who go to the site every year with information on the Black Country's canal heritage.

It will include a new swing bridge linking the canalside attraction to the Black Country Living Museum and a covered area for people embarking on boat trips.

Construction of the centre will be funded by the lottery money and canal trust funds. The European funding would be used on the second phase of the project to create additional learning space and an exhibition area near the boat embarkation wharf.

Spokesman for Dudley Canal Trust, Bob Clarke said: "The original plan was to do the first phase and the second one later. But we are hoping that we can do both at the same time."

## Food blues at hospital

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital has been rated among the worst in the country for standards of hospital food.

According to a survey published today only 44 per cent of patients within the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall, are happy with what they are served up.

And that is in spite of the Dudley hospital bosses spending £12.90 a day on each patient's food, while some others invest as little as £2.94 for three meals.

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## Engineers go full steam ahead for stardom



TM workers pose with the Hairy Bikers

AN ENGINEERING firm has taken a starring role in helping to recreate the largest steam locomotive in the country on a television show.

TV chefs-turned-engineering enthusiasts Dave Myers and Si King, known to fans as the Hairy Bikers, stopped off in Kingswinford to film a segment of their show Restoration Road Trip.

It aired on Sunday on BBC2. The pair arrived at TM Specialist Engineers, based in Oak Lane, to help forge two huge wheels for the project to reconstruct steam train famously known as The Night Owl.

The two large locomotive wheels were machined for the project. Specialist engineers at the firm used

CNC machine tools to replicate the machining of the cast wheels for the locomotive.

Managing Director of TM Specialist Engineers Robert Holland said he was delighted to be a part of such a fantastic project. "It was great to have the Hairy Bikers down here and they also had a tour around the firm too to see what else we do," he said. "The finished product is a wonderful testament to their skill and craftsmanship."

The work has been overseen by project engineering manager Paul Carpenter who is also one of the leading engineers for the project run by the Great Western Society.

## Ex-social services base to be turned into flats

by Heather Large

PLANS to convert council offices in the heart of Dudley town centre into flats as part of a major scheme to bring in more than £3.5million for the authority have been agreed.

The social services offices in at 23-25 St James's Road are the latest to be granted planning permission paving the way for them to be turned into homes.

## Armed raid prisoner in escape gets jail increase

AN INMATE serving an eight-year jail term for an armed robbery in the West Midlands, who escaped from prison by scaling a fence, has been locked up for an extra six months.

Daljeet Dhadwal, of Kidderminster Road, Stourbridge, was sentenced in January 2011 after terrorising a couple and their three children when he burst into their home in Handsworth, Birmingham.

But Wolverhampton Crown Court heard he got out of the HMP Sudbury open prison in Derbyshire by climbing over the perimeter fence on March 5 this year. The 34-year-old was on the run for four months but was found out when he was arrested for shoplifting.

He was picked up on July 5 after stealing from a branch of Holland and Barrett's in Birmingham – but originally gave false details. However, police soon found out his real identity.

Mr Sarbjit Singh Lalli, defending, said Dhadwal had been an 'ideal prisoner' and had been well-behaved until the escape.

In total 12 council buildings, many of them late Victorian and early Edwardian, in Dudley town centre will be sold off.

They have been earmarked to be transformed into 90 new homes, in a move which council leader David Sparks says will boost the town's regeneration plans.

He believes providing more homes will benefit businesses and shops by bringing more people into the town centre.

As well as raising around £3.5m the authority will also benefit from £467,000 per year in savings.

## Buildings

The social services offices in St James's Road will be converted into eight flats.

The planning statement says: "All units are laid out with two bedrooms, bathroom, and open plan kitchen, living and dining."

Other council buildings which are being sold to be converted into homes include numbers two, four, five, six, seven and eight on Ednam Road as well as numbers six and 15 to 17 on St James's Road and Priory Court.

The three-year programme to relocate staff is set to be completed in the summer of next year when the work to renovate the properties will be undertaken.

## Cement giant begins long trip



The large low-level silo which was transported from Kingswinford to Port Talbot

It weighs a staggering 20 tons when empty and is the size of a double decker bus.

And now, after weeks of painstaking construction in Kingswinford, this newly-built huge metal container is undertaking a 140-mile journey to Wales. Transported on a specialist low-level lorry trailer, the carbon steel silo is making its way from steel fabricators Pressvess to cement manufacturer Cenin in Port Talbot.

The silo is the biggest of its kind manufactured by the Stallings Lane-based firm and represents more success for the company, which employs 40 workers over two sites.

This year, the firm signed a 'lucrative' agreement with Brazilian concrete firm RCO Maschinenfabrik, allowing the South American firm to make its trademark low silos. The silos are usually used to store cement.

Tom Mason, marketing manager, said: "It's a proud moment for everyone connected with the company when they see the size of the silo and it leaving the factory for delivery to the customer. It marks a good



The huge container is lifted on to the lorry

period for the business, which has established a good name and has been able to diversify and remain successful."

The company has previously provided silos for off-shore windfarms and Drax Power Station, near Selby, in Yorkshire.

## 46 jobs lost in collapse of law firm

FORTY-SIX redundancies have been made after West Midlands law firm Challinors went into administration, it has emerged.

The firm, which had offices in Halesowen, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, had debts totalling about £11.4 million.

Some of the company's 200 strong staff across its seven sites have found jobs with other law firms which have taken on some of Challinors business.

Birmingham firm Clarke Willmott has bought some of the private client and commercial litigation teams.

Stephen Rosser, chief executive at Clarke Willmott, said: "Growing our Birmingham offering is part of our three-year strategy. Our main priority is to ensure a seamless transition for Challinors' clients."

Another Birmingham firm Shoosmiths has also taken a large part of the Challinors' operations. Partner Richard Fells said: "This is an important and very experienced team, and their joining demonstrates Shoosmiths' commitment to this challenging and highly specialist field of work."

## Dance class set to start

A NEW dance class for people who have a learning disability will be starting in Stourbridge next month.

Side Steps session are taking place at the Elton Centre, off Parkfield Road, beginning on September 12. Dancers will have an opportunity to enter festivals and perform in the community. They will also join members of the Side by Side theatre company for their annual show at Stourbridge Town Hall in June.

Sessions will run weekly from 7pm to 9pm. Call Susan Wallin on 01384 395350 or email [susan.sidebyside@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.sidebyside@btinternet.com) for details.

## Willmott Dixon in complex deal

CONSTRUCTION group Willmott Dixon has won a £6.6 million contract to build a new retirement home complex in Wombourne.

It will build 35 two-bedroom and 17 one-bedroom homes on the former St David's House and Wombourne Day centre site in Planks Lane. It is one of a number of projects Willmott Dixon is behind in the Midlands, which has helped the firm create 42 new jobs.

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## Nuisance bikes will be seized, say police

POLICE will seize scrambler and mini moto-type bikes in a new crackdown following complaints about riders tearing around a disused quarry in Kinver.

Residents living near the site off Gibbet Lane have reported problems with riders causing a nuisance in the area.

Officers from Staffordshire Police said in recent weeks people had been accessing the quarry site to ride the bikes. On one occasion police turned several men away from the site who were all in possession of off-road bikes and mopeds looking to ride around.

They were warned, if they were caught again in 12 months, their vehicles would be confiscated.

They are increasing patrols at the site over the coming weeks and will be stopping people driving or riding in an inconsiderate or careless manner.

Ch Insp Donna Gibbs, from South Staffordshire local policing team, said: "The warmer weather and longer days are often accompanied by a rise in reports about vehicle-related antisocial behaviour."

Staffordshire county and Kinver parish councillor Brian Edwards said he welcomed the crackdown.

"It has been problem there for many years, I'm pleased that police are doing patrols there because it does cause a lot of noise nuisance for residents," he added.

## Park revamp cash on way

THOUSANDS of pounds will be spent on revamping a park in Wordsley with community volunteers preparing to unveil plans for their new attraction.

Campaigners have long called for King George V Park to be rejuvenated after concerns it was untidy with litter strewn around fields and flowerbeds.

They had also voiced fears the park, off Lawnswood Road, was becoming a hangout for youths.

But the Friends of Wordsley Park group say they are excited as they prepare to reveal the latest redevelopment plans drawn up with youth associations and sports clubs. Around £40,000 will be spent on creating a new sensory garden for children.

# New-look resource and maths centre unveiled



The new centre called Dudley Enhance, set to be built off Ednam Road

A NEW artist's impression of a resource and maths centre which is being built as part of the multi-million pound redevelopment of Dudley College has been unveiled.

The picture was released as bosses revealed work on the scheme has been brought forward.

Education chiefs say there has been a higher than expected uptake of courses following the success of its new sixth form centre Dudley Sixth, which opened in September.

More than 1,000 students have applied for a place at the centre, off Ednam Road, this year bringing it to capacity level.

As a result work will now start on Dudley Enhance, which will provide specialist courses for post 16 students studying maths, next month.

The modern building will be situated between the existing Dudley Sixth and the planned new engineering and manufacturing centre Dudley Advance which will open in autumn 2014.

Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said:

"After receiving over 1,000 applications this year from bright, young people applying to study A-levels in the fantastic new facility, the two storey building is expected to be at capacity."

"With 150 returning second year students and up to 350 new learners just settling out on their A level studies, the new Enhance facility is essential to provide the right learning environment and resources to support our students."

He added: "Dudley Enhance will definitely live up to its name. It's been designed to enhance our A-level students' learning experience and provide them with the facilities and space they need."

"The new building will be a fantastic addition to the Learning Quarter. When both Dudley Enhance and Dudley Advance, our new centre for advanced manufacturing engineering and technology, are complete, this area of Dudley will be transformed into a vibrant, modern campus equipped to develop the next generation of brilliant minds and skilled employees."

# Metal thief targeted the gates of charity premises

A METAL thief who stole dozens of cages, drain covers and even the gates of a cancer charity has avoided a jail sentence.

Jason Reynolds travelled around the region targeting cages belonging to Tesco Express, Waitrose and One Stop Shop, as well as gates at Marie Curie Cancer Care.

His two-month crime spree was brought to an end when police received information about a suspicious vehicle shortly before 3am on March 7.

Mr Nicholas Burn, prosecuting, said: "A blue Nissan van belonging to Mr Reynolds had cages belonging to Tesco to the value of £300."

"The defendant would use his vehicle to go to various establishments and load it up with cages and covers and sell them on to scrapyards."

### Addiction

The court heard Reynolds had acquired 49 metal cages, 12 drainage covers and two gates over the three months, to the value of £6,500.

Mr Andrew Baker, defending, said he had stolen the items to fund his heroin addiction.

Reynolds, aged 29, of Beaubrook Gardens, Wordsley, pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court to

by Adam Grinsell

five counts of theft by finding between January 26 and March 7.

In March, at Dudley Magistrate Court, he was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months.

Judge Martin Walsh said: "You have got a drug problem and that is the catalyst for your behaviour."

"These offences were dishonest and caused a considerable inconvenience over a period of time."

"You thoroughly deserve to go into custody. I am not optimistic but I am prepared to give you a chance."

"If you do not take this chance you are going to prison."

Reynolds was handed a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years and made the subject of a 12-month drug rehabilitation requirement.

He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £100 and will be under curfew from 9pm to 6am for four months.

## Navy recruiting reserves

THE Royal Navy has launched a campaign in the West Midlands to encourage people to become a reservist.

There will be recruitment days at HMS Forward based off Garrison Road Birmingham starting tomorrow. New recruits will then be given specific training.

## Club vows to reopen fire-hit pavilion



From left, David Borley and Tasha Vahey of Lye Cricket Club in front of the damage, where the beer festival was held

A DEFIANT Black Country cricket club has pledged a £230,000 pavilion gutted by fire will be restored and reopened by the end of the year.

Bosses from Lye Cricket Club made the vow at the opening of the annual Black Country Beer Festival last Thursday night – the first major event to take place at the site since the arson attack.

Members of the club were left devastated after flames tore through the pavilion earlier this month. The building is now boarded up and fenced off for safety. But club chairman Dave Borley,

who was welcoming guests to the beer festival, said he expected progress at the site to be swift.

"The building has been entirely closed off at the moment as it simply isn't safe to use. However we were determined the beer festival would go ahead as planned," he said.

"It has a special significance this year as it is first stage of getting the club back on its feet following the fire and will help to raise some funds."

"We are talking with insurers and aim to have all of the repairs carried out on the pavilion by the end of the

year. It is an important part of the club."

Around 100 visitors turned out for the first night of the beer festival and hundreds more attended over the weekend.

And all said they were pleased the club had decided to go ahead with the event despite the fire. An extra marquee and temporary toilets have been set up at the grounds of the club, in Stourbridge Road, to make up for the lost facilities.

The festival was being run jointly by the club and Sadler's Ales.

## NEWS in brief

### Mayor urges event support

THE MAYOR of Dudley is urging people to show their support for the heroes of the Battle of Britain at a special event on September 15.

The day will include a service at St Thomas and St Luke's Church, known as Top Church, a parade by borough Air Training Corps through the town centre and the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph in Ednam Road, Dudley.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I hope people will be able to come along on the day and show their support."

At 11am cadets from the borough's Air Training Corps will parade through the town centre. Setting off from Priory Road, the parade will continue along New Street, into High Street. Residents are invited to attend a service at St Thomas and St Luke's Church at 11.30am.

### Brintons in £5m carpets move

HISTORIC carpet firm Brintons has announced a £5 million investment to boost its manufacturing in the UK and overseas.

The firm, based in Kidderminster, said the money would be used to expand its high definition weave technology at its site in the town and another in Portugal.

It follows an initial £3m investment announced in March.

Bosses said 10 looms would now be upgraded as part of the work – four in Kidderminster and six in Portugal.

Managing director Don Coates said: "This investment demonstrates the board's confidence in the future of Brintons and its commitment to the area."

### Stolen bikes found in room

A MAN has been jailed for six weeks after he admitted handling goods stolen in a series of shed and garage break-ins.

Two mountain bikes worth £800 and a remote-control car worth £50 were found in a bedroom at Tommy Smith's home in Linden Avenue, Walsley estate, Stourport.

They had been stolen during break-ins in Beach Road and Princess Way, Stourport.

The 33-year-old admitted handling stolen goods and was jailed by Kidderminster magistrates.

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THIS was the week when two men and two women living in Sheffield went public on their "polyamorous" relationship. One man has sex with both women, the women have sex with each other and the men are great chums. This jolly web of relationships appears to suit them all very well. The word "polyamorous" has appeared in the Oxford English Dictionary since 2006, defined as: "The fact of having simultaneous close emotional relationships with two or more other individuals, viewed as an alternative to monogamy, especially in regard to matters of sexual fidelity; the custom or practice of engaging in multiple sexual relationships with the knowledge and consent of all partners concerned." The Sheffield Four are planning 'an unofficial ceremony' to mark their commitment to each other. You can see where this is leading, can't you? Why stop at an unofficial ceremony? Now that 2,000 years of religious tradition have been re-written with the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act and the first gay marriages will soon be held, can anyone offer a single convincing reason why marriage should not be extended to groups of three, four or more people? I know I can't. Polyamorous weddings – coming soon to an altar near you.

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HERE'S one for the conspiracy theorists. Can it be coincidence that the BBC unveils its wildlife series *The Burrowers*, portraying baby badgers as the sweetest coo-kums-snoo-kums adorable little chappies, just as the Government begins killing badgers in its "trial culling" programme?

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THE *Burrowers* involved digging three enormous artificial burrows, at licence-payers' expense, to observe the intimate lives of badgers, water voles and rabbits. So it is, literally, a ground-breaking programme. Get it? Educated people have always recognised the use of 'literally' as a device to brighten up one's conversation and writing. Sadly, educated people are in the minority these days which is why the Oxford English Dictionary has reluctantly accepted that 'literally' can be used for extra emphasis to mean, well, like, literally anyfink, innit? All languages evolve but this isn't evolution. It's an admission that the English no longer understand English.

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I AM breathing a little more easily this week, having had my latest "normal" result on the NHS national bowel-cancer screening programme. The test kit is designed to detect bowel cancer at an early stage when it is easier to cure. You would imagine that every over-60 sent this kit would go through the motions (literally) in the hope of staying alive. Not so. Health authorities across the UK report that barely half these kits are returned. Embarrassment is cited as a factor in this dismal response. But it has to be said that the instructions for taking and returning samples are fairly complicated. How many over-60 Brits actually have the capacity to read and follow the instructions? Are we dying of illiteracy?

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A READER tells me one of his friends recently applied to re-home a kitten from the RSPCA. She had to wait more than two weeks for an RSPCA inspector to check that her home was fit for a cat. Strangely enough, a few months ago the same woman gave birth in an NHS hospital and they let her take the baby home without any checks.

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MEANWHILE, back at the badger sett. If badgers are so innocent, what happened to all the hedgehogs? What you and I see as sweet old Mrs Tiggywinkle, Mr Badger sees as a crunchy snackette. Oh, wicked Brock.

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MANY thanks for your selection of memorable lines from legal-aid lawyers trying to get their clients off the hook. One reader was moved to poetry: I am a lawyer, I defended a thief. / He had a long record, right up to his teeth. / I got an adjournment, by guile and fine prose. / He went and skipped bail, to where no-one knows.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Look Who's at airport



An early Dalek arrival at the airport, with Holly Phillips of Kingswinford

DALEKS will be invading Halfpenny Green Airport during the annual Wings & Wheels Fly-in on Sunday.

Doctor Who and his assistant in the Tardis will also be on hand to face the Daleks, and his other nemesis The Master. As part of the hangar entertainment there will be Doctor Who dramas acted out in the entertainment hangar during the morning and afternoon. One of the prizes in the raffle will also be a ride in a Dalek, as well as a ride in a helicopter and a ride in a Cessna.

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## Business funding help

BUSINESSES in Dudley borough and throughout the Black Country are being given the chance to access grants and support to help them grow thanks to a scheme funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

The Black Country: Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (BC GOLD) in Key Sectors scheme is offering small to medium-sized enterprises across the region the opportunity to apply for revenue and capital grants and receive tailored

advice to help them exploit growth opportunities. The £1.96m project will allow firms to apply for a grant for up to £16,000, which they must match fund, to invest in their businesses to help them expand.

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## Accessory firm still tops with car maker

BRIERLEY Hill-based Auto Styling Truckman has renewed its agreement with Toyota GB to become an approved supplier of accessories for the Hilux range of pick-ups.

The Narrowboat Way firm manufactures a range of hardtops and is also a major distributor of a wide selection of vehicle accessories.

Toyota's Hilux was the best-selling pick-up truck in the UK in 2012, with sales of 7,460. This year, it continues to lead the market. The relationship between Toyota GB and Auto Styling Truckman has grown out of an initial agreement to supply Truckman High Roof Classic hardtops. As Toyota has grown Hilux sales amongst commercial and leisure buyers, Auto Styling has created a range of hardtops specifically for the Hilux.

Mike Wheeler, managing director of Auto Styling Truckman, said: "We have enjoyed an excellent relationship with Toyota GB and our hardtops have become popular with Hilux owners in both commercial and leisure markets."

Kevin Ledger from Toyota GB said: "The pick-up truck market continues to be a key area of our business and it's important to be able to provide our customers with a comprehensive service, which includes access to a broad range of excellent accessories, which complement our existing range."

## Hospice call on unwanted gifts for fete

MARY Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge is appealing for unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts which can be sold at its annual summer fete.

The event on September 7 will raise money towards hospice running costs. Items such as good quality toys, bottles and chocolates, toiletries, handbags, raffle and tombola prizes are all welcome.

Items can be left at the fundraising office, in the lower car park, at Mary Stevens Hospice, in Hagley Road between 9am and 4.45pm.

The fete will run from 11am until 3.30pm and will include a host of entertainment. For details visit [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) or call 01384 377778.

## Expert in plea to bee careful for the future

by Mark Andrews

APPLES, oranges and pears would vanish from the shelves of the supermarkets. Owls and hawks would become extinct. A shortage of clover in farm fields would send meat and dairy prices through the roof.

These are just some of the problems envisaged by Stourbridge bee expert John Harding, who paints a bleak picture of life a generation from now, should the honeybee continue to decline at its present rate.

"Well over 100 products would disappear off the Sainsbury's shelves straight away," said Mr Harding.

"There will be a mass shortage of pollinated food, you would lose all the top fruits like apples and oranges right away, but you would also lose all the small mammals which feed the birds of prey. That would mean the clover would disappear from where the cows and sheep graze, so it will affect our meat food chain. People don't realise how important bees are."

## Survive

These are not good times for the honeybee. A recent survey by the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) reported that a third of honeybee colonies did not survive the winter, and the number of bee colonies lost across England has more than doubled since 2012 – from 16 per cent to 34 per cent this year. This is the worst set of results since the BBKA started its annual survey of members six years ago.

But if the scenario outlined by Mr Harding sounds a long way in the future, we are already feeling the consequences of the decline of the honeybee at the moment. At the moment, the fall in honeybee numbers is estimated to be costing UK farmers £200 million a year, the loss of which will inevitably be passed on to the consumer through higher food prices.

So what – or who – is responsible for the plight of the honeybee? It is generally agreed that the varroa mite, which arrived in the UK in 1992, has had a devastating contribution. Not only does the parasite suck blood from the bodies of honeybee larvae, pupae and adult bees, it has also been blamed for the spread of numerous diseases.

More controversially, a group of agricultural pesticides, known as neonicotinoids, have also been blamed for bee losses.

But Mr Harding – a beekeeper for the last 33 years – said the real culprits are people like him. Beekeepers. He added that the downfall of the honeybee began many thousands of years ago, when man first discovered honey. "Man took bees



John Harding, from Stourbridge, is highlighting the importance of bees which are under threat

away from their survival needs and honeybees started dying," he said.

He argued that when man first discovered honey, the bees were living high above the ground, in places that were difficult for man to access. "Trees, cliff face or cave, so as time progressed and hives evolved, honeybees were put into logs, clay pots, skeps eventually beehives.

"However, all this time honeybees were not taken away from their survival needs."

More specifically, he says they have been taken away from the electromagnetic fields which are essential to the bees' good health.

Mr Harding's findings are the result of 16

years' work. Now a 63-year-old grandfather, he retired from commercial bee-keeping in 1997 to devote all his time to his research.

Since 2004 he has been putting his hypothesis into practice, by locating all his hives above underground streams he has identified with a homemade dowsing rod, and the results have been remarkable. He said his honey yields have more than doubled, and over that time he has not lost a single one of his bee colonies.

His work has sparked considerable interest around the world – he has recently been invited to a meeting with an executive from German pharmaceutical giant Bayer.

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## Drive ban for father who drank at funeral

A FATHER of two was caught drink driving after he drove home to Stourbridge late at night from a funeral, a court heard.

Wayne Jones was more than twice the legal limit when police stopped him while he was behind the wheel of a silver Ford Transit van. Dudley Magistrates Court heard police had received information Jones was over the limit.

A passing patrol car saw the van on Highgate Road, Holly Hall, Dudley, and he was stopped at Bushy Fields Road near to Russells Hall Hospital at 1.30am on July 23. Jones gave a positive test of 82 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, when the legal limit is 35. Police also found a small quantity of cannabis.

Jones, aged 42, of Bagley Street, pleaded guilty to drink driving and possession of a class B drug. He was fined £100 for drink driving and £100 for possession of drugs. He was ordered to pay £85 court costs and a £20 victim surcharge. Jones was banned from driving for 20 months.

## Scarecrows due at park

A HOST of scarecrows will be descending on a Black Country park – and everyone is invited to take along one of their own.

Staff at Haden Hill Park in Cradley Heath are holding a scarecrow weekend next month, and residents are asked to make their own for the weekend on September 14 and 15.

The event will run on both days from 11am to 5.30pm, and there will be live music, a barbecue, a birds of prey display, a climbing wall and line dancing.

Entries will be accepted until Friday September 6.

## Eight new staff at estate agents

A WEST Midlands estate agents, which has offices in Stourbridge, has taken on eight new staff to help it expand its services over coming months.

Marwood Homes Ltd, part of the John Shephard Lettings Group, has made the appointments follow the business's recent rebranding and addition of new services including commercial property management, surveying and sales.

# Specialist in pioneering leukaemia project



Prof Charlie Craddock, with Paul Colwell

A SPECIALIST company is taking part in a world-first project aimed at identifying the best treatments for Leukaemia patients.

Stourport and Kidderminster-based IT company OGL is working with the blood cancer charity Cure Leukaemia on the scheme which will allow staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to collate samples from leukaemia patients undergoing clinical trials.

They will be able to compare them to the patient's own DNA, blood type and other markers, while a database will allow analysts to identify trends in patients' responses to drugs which will help them identify the most effective treatments for new patients.

Work will take place at the hospital's Centre for Clinical Haematology which was established in 2003 and has treated more than 4,000 patients.

Professor Charlie Craddock, co-founder of Cure Leukaemia, said: "This is a huge and complex piece of work, and we are incredibly grateful to OGL for partnering with the Centre for Clinical Haematology to deliver a potentially life-changing piece of technology." Paul Colwell, of OGL, said the project

involved using cloud computing technology to bring together thousands of results from clinical trials – 'something that wouldn't have been possible even a couple of years ago'.

"We are working closely with Professor Craddock, Dr Ram Malladi at the Centre for Clinical Haematology and partners across the NHS and Innovation Birmingham Campus to deliver this project, which we believe has the potential to change the face of leukaemia treatment and make a significant impact on the lives of patients," he added.

# Students celebrate a bumper crop of borough GCSE marks

STUDENTS and teachers in Dudley were celebrating achieving another bumper crop of GCSE results across the borough.

Nervous pupils rushed to schools and colleges last Thursday, ready to open their envelopes after weeks of tension following the end of their exams.

But there were concerns from some schools that altered grade boundaries had impacted on results and could risk students' chances of securing their favoured college places.

Among the schools which saw an upwards trend in A\* to C results was Bishop Milner Catholic School, in Dudley, which achieved 74 per cent, up from 70 per cent last year. Kingswinford Academy which achieved 72 per cent, up from 70 per cent, and the Summerhill School, Kingswinford, which recorded 78 per cent up from 75 per cent.

Staff at The Dormston School, in Sedgley, which had recently been classed at inadequate by Ofsted inspectors, were pleased with an increase in the pass rates to 55 per cent, up from 36 per cent last year.

### Decision

At Holly Hall Academy, in Dudley, staff declared their pride at results despite fierce concerns over grade boundaries that they say had resulted in 28 students missing out on a grade C in English.

Overall the school achieved 39 per cent grade A\* to C including English and maths.

But principal Graham Lloyd said a decision by the education chiefs not to tell the school what pupils had to score to achieve top grades has 'screwed with their lives and futures'.

"I think that what they have done is nothing short of disgraceful," he said. "It is playing politics with children's futures."

Students at Old Swinford Hospital were jumping for joy after producing some

by Simon Stone

outstanding results, in particular three students who were awarded eight grade A\*.

The percentage of results awarded at A\* to C grades in five or more subject including English and Maths was 71 per cent. George Hadfield, from Belbroughton, and Blake Lewis from Stourbridge both achieved eight grade A\* and two grade A, while Sam Russell from Kinver achieved 6 grade A\* and 3 grade A.

Headteacher Peter Jones said: "We are delighted that in a very tough year, our brightest students have achieved exceptional results, including those who gained eight A\*." However, we are disappointed with what appears to be a downward trend nationally.

A record breaking set of GCSE results were announced by Ellowes Hall Sports College, in Lower Gornal. In total 99.5 per cent of students gained 5 or more A\* to C grades with almost one in five entries producing A\* of A grades and with 90 per cent of entries producing A\* to C grades.

Headteacher Mr Andy Griffiths said: "We continue to go from strength to strength with more students than ever before gaining 5 or more A\* to C GCSEs including English and Mathematics. A third of these students have also achieved the English Baccalaureate, which is a record for us."

## Joy for youngsters in best year ever



Windsor High pupils, from left, Charlotte Duerdon, Megan Chance, Shaun James, Daniel Bevan and Chadsley Atkins

THERE was much cheer among students at a Halesowen school, after it recorded its best ever results.

Pupils started arriving at Windsor High School, in Richmond Street, from 9.30am, last Thursday, as the tension mounted.

In total, 74 per cent of students got five A\* to C grades including maths and English, up 14 per cent from last year. In single subjects, 87 per cent of students achieved A\* to C in English and 80 per cent in maths.

Head teacher Keith Sorrell was at the school congratulating pupils on their success. He said: "These are our best set of results and a tribute to the hard work of everyone involved."

"My congratulations to all of the

by Alex Ross

students and staff on such an outstanding set of results. When added to our excellent A-level results performance this has been a fantastic year for the school."

While GCSE results have dropped nationally compared to previous years, Mr Sorrell said staff and students focused even harder to help bring them the good results. He added: "You will see a lot of happy people here today, and its fully deserved, the effort everyone has put in has been brilliant."

He wished students success in the future, adding that he hoped many would return to the school's sixth form next term.



The Crestwood School, Kingswinford

## NEWS

### in brief

## Police in probe on canal death

THE death of a man whose body was found in a canal is not being treated as suspicious, say police.

Officers closed off the site around the Wightwick Mill Lock on the Staffordshire – Worcestershire Canal, near Bridgnorth Road in Wolverhampton after the discovery was made shortly by a passerby last week.

The man is aged in his 70s. Investigations were carried out at the site before it reopened.

Retired postmaster Don Chapman was travelling in a boat from Fradley through to Stourport but had to moor his boat after police arrived at the lock.

He said: "I was waiting for around two hours in total. It was a bit of a shock when we found out why."

Ambulance staff attended and the man was confirmed dead at the scene.

## Awards scheme call on buildings

A NATIONAL award recognising buildings which have made a difference to local people and communities is looking for nominations from the West Midlands.

The Civic Trust Awards, which launched in 1959, is one of the oldest award schemes in Europe.

From cafes and churches to housing and hospitals, the Civic Trust has rewarded more than 5,500 buildings and spaces.

Dudley's regeneration chief, Councillor Julie Foster said: "I hope that local people see fit to nominate local projects."

All entries should be made online at [www.civictrustawards.org.uk](http://www.civictrustawards.org.uk) before September 11.

## Putting focus on the pupils

AN opticians in Wombourne is holding a back to school event on September 7 to raise awareness of the importance of children's eye health.

Taylor Biddle Opticians is donating money from every frame sold on the day to WINGS, a Wombourne support group. The opticians are offering free visual dyslexia pre-screening on the day.

Boss Tracey Taylor, said: "Up to one in five children may have an eye condition that they do not know about, which is why we are encouraging anyone with school age children to attend our back to school open day."

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

WITH  
MARK  
ANDREWS

READ this and weep. The disused Round Oak pub in Brierley Hill is a disgrace.

A building of some architectural merit due to its interesting Art Deco features, it now lies derelict and has become a target for arsonists since it closed more than 20 years ago.

Businessman Jon Thompson wants to spend £200,000 renovating this building so he can operate a home furnishing shop from the site, but says his plans are being thwarted by the 'impossible' demands by council officials.

Charging points for electric cars and parking for motorcyclists, not to mention showers and a changing room for people wanting to cycle to work, are among the wackier requests the council has made.

Mr Thompson has now been told that a decision should be made this week, so hopefully the matter will finally be put to bed.

But suppose Mr Thompson went along with all this nonsense. Are we to expect hordes of motorcyclists zipping through the streets of the Black Country with flat pack furniture strapped onto their backs? Probably not. Will there be a stampede of folk wanting to charge their electric cars while they browse the range of occasional chairs?

The explanation given by Councillor Miss Judy Foster, who I had always considered to be a thoroughly good egg, is as depressing as it is familiar.

## Maintain

"With regard to the electric car charging points and shower facilities for staff cycling to work, this is part of our ongoing work to promote more sustainable ways to travel to work," she says.

Of course it is. That sentence just sums up what is so wrong with local government today.

The role of the local council is not to influence how we get to work. It is not to tell us what we should eat. The role of the council is to maintain the roads, keep our streets tidy, and to empty the bins. Without nosing around to check we aren't putting the wrong sort of rubbish in them.

And when a business plans to spend £200,000 renovating an eyesore property, smartening up an important approach to a struggling town centre, and creating 10 jobs, the council should be rolling out the red carpet, not dishing out lectures on 'sustainable transport to work'.



Shuffling the pack in front of you



Pick a card out and Mark will be pick able to name it



Coins and other items are also used in Mark's tricks

# Magician who aims to make his Mark

A present at the age of seven started Mark's passion for magic, as he explains to **CHARLOTTE LILLEY**

**IT started with a Paul Daniels magic set at the age of seven and now 23 years later, Mark Willis is performing his own tricks as a part-time magician.**

The 30-year-old estate agent from Dudley has been a fan of magic ever since his grandfather introduced him to it as a child.

Since then he has performed to hundreds of people at weddings and parties across the region. He says: "My grandfather gave me the magic set as a present and from that moment on I was hooked."

"As a child I would put on shows for my all family and friends and I used to love seeing their reaction. I enjoy performing, and entertaining people and making them laugh, even if it's at my own expense."

## Amazed

"These days I rarely go anywhere without a deck of cards. I perform at weddings, birthdays, clubs and private parties and it is great to see people look amazed and hear them say 'how does he do that?'"

Mr Willis, who works for Connells Estate Agents in Wolverhampton, juggles his performances around work and often practises on his friends and colleagues.

"My boss is a big fan of magic and whenever we have a work party, he asks me to bring some of my equipment along to entertain people," he says.

"There isn't an age limit on magic and I think it is becoming more and more popular, especially with people like TV magician of the moment, Dynamo, putting



Now choose one - Mark never travels anywhere without his pack of cards

it back in the spotlight. Sometimes I even get people ask me to perform some of his tricks and walk through walls or levitate.

"I tend to look up to magicians such as Houdini and Dai Vernon, who were able to captivate people's imaginations with their tricks."

"I read a lot of their material to get some ideas and I try to include some of their skills in my act."

Unlike Paul Daniels, you won't find any bunny rabbits hopping out of hats or a glamorous assistant resembling the lovely Debbie McGee, being sawed in half in Mr Willis' act.

Magic Mark, as he goes by when he is

performing, prefers to show off his tricks up close in front of people.

"I like tricks where you make something change hands or places. It really baffles people when they see it happen right before their eyes and they instantly want to know how it is done," he says, "but of course a good magician never reveals his tricks."

"My girlfriend would never put herself forward to be my assistant and she definitely wouldn't let me attempt to saw her in half. She is very supportive of me and she much prefers to take a back seat and watch rather than take part."

Mr Willis spends time working on

new tricks after work and during the weekends and says he wouldn't rule out a performance on Penn and Teller's hit TV show Fool Us.

The ITV magic show challenges magicians to perform in front of the American duo and if they can fool them with one of their tricks, they win a five-star trip to Las Vegas to perform as their opening act.

"I have considered going on Penn and Teller to see if I could fool them, although it looks really difficult because they are just so good at what they do," says Mr Willis.

"At the minute I am working on a new trick and I have a feeling it might puzzle them if I ever got the chance to perform it in front of them."

But even the greatest of magicians can sometimes get it wrong and Mr Willis admits he is no exception.

He says: "Sometimes you might perform a trick to a group of people and it does not go as well as you had hoped."

## Mistakes

"People might see or realise how you did something but like anything in life, you learn from your mistakes, have a little laugh at yourself and move on and later you can figure out ways to improve."

So what's next in his box of tricks? Can we ever expect see him on a world stage performing his mind-bending tricks to thousands?

He says: "If I ever had the opportunity to become a full-time magician and if I could afford it, then I would take it."

"However, I enjoy performing at weddings and parties and I enjoy my job as an estate agent. I am lucky that my family and friends are so supportive of me and I am thankful that they let me practise my tricks on them."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1983...

SENIOR police officers in Staffordshire were over the moon after their summer activities SPACE programme attracted nearly 22,000 children. Organisers said the project, aimed at improving police relations in the community, was an out-of-this-world success.

HORDES of West Midlands holidaymakers heading for the coast were left disappointed after the weathermen got the forecast badly wrong. Travellers were expecting glorious sunshine but were instead presented with grey skies and pouring rain.

THREE men were forced to make an emergency landing after their hot air balloon drifted perilously close to the M6 at Walsall. Pilot Phil Clarke and his two passengers escaped unhurt after he managed to steer the balloon into the grounds of Alunwell Comprehensive School.

## 1993...

FOUR Coseley households were hit by a blunder by Dudley Council planners who sent letters about a proposed superstore to the wrong addresses. Planning chiefs sent letters to homes in Redwood Road by mistake, leaving residents of Winnall Close unaware of the development.

HIMLEY Cricket Club batsman Steve Small scored a 'match-winning' century with a difference to clinch his engagement to his girlfriend Nicola. Steve smashed 101 runs after his future father-in-law told him he had to score a century to win Nicola's hand in marriage.

FEATHERS flew at a Rowley Regis pub when a 'cock fight' was staged as part of a family fun day. But licensee Robin Hancock avoided falling 'fowl' of the law as he and his business partner did the fighting in 6ft wide inflatable costumes.

## 2003...

AN emergency meeting was held in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre to discuss ways to allay elderly people's fear of crime. The move followed the results of a survey which showed four out of 10 older people were too afraid to enter the city centre.

TWO brothers who ran a model shop in Dudley for nearly 44 years called it a day. Bill and Charles Dixon introduced generations of youngsters to the joys of model-making through their Ace Models store in the Fountain Arcade.

PERTON residents were warned to expect six months of chaos while a £1.1 million flood defence scheme was put in place. Severn Trent decided to expand the sewer systems in a bid to prevent the flooding that had blighted homes in the village for years.

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## LETTERS

## Fracking may open up possibilities

LET'S be honest, nobody will know the full effect of fracking until it's actually carried out in the UK.

We can't learn a great deal from the US, but reports of gas coming out of taps, aquifers polluted in other ways and earth tremors need to be heeded.

We should scrutinise all information/propaganda both pro and anti.

The US film, Gasland which purports to show the dire results of the process, shows gas coming from a kitchen tap resulting possibly it seems, not from fracking but from the homeowner's water well having been drilled into a pocket of naturally occurring methane.

We cannot have the inevitable New

Age Luddites telling us whether we should go for this possible mother load or not.

I do not think that the loonies presently setting up camp down South and going through the usual tree hugging rituals have anything to do with the discussion.

Similarly, the RSPB, whose members don't seem to mind having the local bird population chopped to pieces by flailing windmills have come out against the project.

This is something that should be tested scientifically and under extreme controls to see whether it might result in Armageddon or a new golden age for the UK.

Furthermore, if we do go ahead, I hope our wise and canny leaders will ensure that the British Exchequer receives a healthy wad of cash and puts in place more rigorous controls on pricing so that we see the effect in our bills.

I would add that if these professional anti-everythings had been around and allowed to flourish a couple of hundred years ago, we might never have had the Industrial Revolution.

The Black Country is honeycombed with old coal, iron ore and limestone mining and yet we are still here, living, breathing and moaning as we do.

ALAN M ETHERIDGE,  
Catholic Lane, Sedgley.

## Let's put PC idiocy in its place

AS a nation I think we should lighten up a bit.

BBC summariser John Inverdale caused a storm in June when he was said to have made an inappropriate comment about the Wimbledon ladies singles champion, but at the same time he was very much full of praise for her ability, but that side of his comments were ignored.

More recently we had some more commotion about UKIP Euro MP Godfrey Bloom referring to Bongo Bongo Land when attempting to make a point about how much we give away in foreign aid that got blown out of all proportion by the politically correct brigade.

Not surprisingly the BBC appear to be making sure women are not under represented on their front line workforces. We've even got women reading the football results now. Whatever next?

A P CUFF  
Grayling Road,  
Stourbridge.

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## Ragwort ravaging the local landscape

IN RECENT years our countryside and urban areas have become a haven for ragwort. This long stem yellow daisy cluster is growing everywhere.

Highways and landowners do little to get rid of it and it is now seen growing in towns and cities. It is very toxic and can cause liver failure to animals who eat it dried.

Bees love the flowers as do other insects and we wonder if it gets into local honey supplies and even grain crops. It needs pulling and burning. There is a fine of £1,000 if landowners let it get out of hand but little is done and no action taken.

Over the years I have written to Wyre Forest Council and councillors but still little is done. It isn't just growing in Wyre Forest but is widespread in most counties.

Those without a job could help to keep the countryside free from this weed the future we will all be living in a weed bed.

M WOOLDRIDGE,  
Bewdley.

## Spanish set out their stall

THE sabre rattling by the Spanish Government over Gibraltar is of course a classic diversionary tactic to switch the attention of their populace away from the parlous state of the Spanish economy.

Given the importance of tourism to that economy, before engaging in any more inflammatory action, it would be well advised to reflect on the wisdom of alienating the millions of British tourists who visit Spain each year.

KEITH DAVIS  
Holly Close, Kinver.

## Care praise

On a recent appointment at Corbett Hospital, my mother had the misfortune to have a nasty fall outside. Help and assistance was at hand immediately. I was told to carry on to my appointment and was constantly informed of my mother's condition and that she was being attended by a paramedic. Thank you to all concerned. God bless you all.

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**NEWS****Funeral workers' relief at return of van**

John Cumiskey, owner of Wombourne Funeral Services, celebrates getting his van back, with happy workers members Matthew Oliver, Michael Oliver, Kieran Bates and Tony Burt after it was stolen from a churchyard

A FUNERAL services van which stolen from a Wombourne churchyard while workers were setting up a gravestone has now been returned to its owners.

The Bedford pick-up truck belonging to Wombourne & Kinver Memorials was taken in broad daylight from the front of St Benedict's Biscop

Church in School Road. It was discovered days later abandoned in Sedgley. Bosses at the firm, which has been running for around 30 years, said they were 'delighted' to now have it back.

John Cumiskey, who runs the company with his father John and mother Winifred, said: "We're really

pleased to have it back, especially my dad because it was one of his favourites."

The firm has a fleet of 11 trucks but Mr Cumiskey said the vehicle was vital for transporting equipment to churchyards and cemeteries. Bosses think it was stolen for the Hiab lifting arm.

**Club site homes under way**

WORK has started to build four homes on a former war memorial club site in Stourbridge - bringing to an end years of campaigning by residents to get the land reused.

The long-disused Stourbridge War Memorial Club building was demolished in May and plans for the new houses approved.

And construction has now started at the site, in Amblecote High Street, with the new buildings already starting to take shape.

The project is being carried out by

Smethwick firm Bains Builders Ltd. Residents have called for the site to be redeveloped since the war memorial club closed in 2002.

It quickly became a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour suffering fire damage and becoming dilapidated through disuse.

Councillor Pat Martin, said: "I think this development is the best possible use for this site as it will not add too much traffic to what is already a very busy road. Previous applications have been for developments such as entertainment venues which would have caused a traffic nightmare."

"With this development there will be only limited vehicles exiting and entering the site during the day. It is good to see this site finally being developed after so long and I believe it will be an improvement for the area."

"The war memorial club building was in a terrible condition for a very long time and simply did not give the right impression of the area."

"It is a shame the club was lost but there was no longer anything which could have been done with the building."

Dudley Council approved plans for the houses in June.

**Cafe's law to itself with free makeover**

A COMMUNITY cafe had a real brush with the law - after big-hearted volunteers from one of the region's leading legal firms stepped in to give it a free makeover.

The team of 13 staff from Higgs & Sons worked against the clock to give the Lunch on the Run charity cafe in Kingswinford a much-needed facelift without it having to lose a minute's trading.

The team, led by insolvency solicitor Oliver Ward-Jones and Laura Westwood, a solicitor in the dispute resolution team, painted the main cafe, hallway and

serving area, working late into the night over two days.

Higgs & Sons' support came as part of the law firm's commitment to the Business in the Community scheme, which helps team companies up with good causes, and the charitable work also came ahead of Mencap's Learning Disability Week.

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## NEWS

# Dramatic start for pair setting up own theatre

A DRAMATIC duo from the Black Country are making their mark in the world of performing arts by setting up their own theatre company.

Will Phipps and Rachel Coleman from Dudley recently graduated from the University of Wolverhampton after studying for a musical theatre and performance industry degree. Rather than take up the regular nine-to-five routine the pair decided to make it on their own by setting up Funtime Theatre.

Their small business puts on plays at care homes and childcare centres in the region. Having both known each other from their time at High Acrel School in Sedgley the duo say they have developed a strong working relationship.

Rachel said: "Theatre is something we are both really into and we thought we should turn it into a business and give it a go.

The response has been great in the area and we have already done around 20 shows at care homes since starting earlier this year."

The pair, both aged 23, are currently doing sessions at the Wacky Warehouse and at the One and Two Halves Pub on the Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury.

She added: "It's been really good so far, the children really enjoy the shows."

Their unique business also works with social groups and clubs offering specially tailored shows including everything from light entertainment to educational shows. They also provide workshops and classes on drama and dance to primary and secondary schools. Previous shows including Songs that Won the War, which features hits from the 1930s and 40s.



Will Phipps



Rachel Coleman

## Views on estate aired



Members of the public at the High Acres pub during the recent meeting

RESIDENTS vowed to fight for improved play facilities for their children on their Black Country estate as they formed an action group to lobby for new developments.

People living on the former Wordsley Hospital site are calling for improvements to the housing estate despite many families only starting to move in five years ago.

Mixed views are held over what future public developments should take place on the site, off Stream Road, to benefit residents.

Young families want the introduction of a new playground after parents said parks were too far from homes on the estate. They were also

concerned that many children had begun playing in the streets around the estate, sparking fears for their safety with parked cars and traffic.

But some older residents are concerned a new playground would attract anti-social behaviour and instead asked for alternatives.

Around 30 residents attended a public meeting at the High Acres pub organised by Wordsley councillor Derrick Hemingsley last Monday to air their views. They have formed a new residents association to take their proposals to Dudley Council.

Council architects will work on designs for the playground ahead of the next meeting on October 7 at the pub starting at 7pm.

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## NEWS

# Youngster overcomes transplant for games

**KRISTOF Polgar seems like any regular five-year-old - bursting with energy and passionate about sport, especially tennis.**

But just two years ago the youngster, from Amblecote, Stourbridge, was unable even to walk after a liver condition left him without the strength to support his own weight.

After his condition deteriorated further, the youngster underwent a life-saving liver transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

And just weeks later the brave boy was able to walk and play just like other children his age.

He now attends Withymoor Primary School, in Brierley Hill, and plays tennis twice a week at Quarry Bank Tennis Club along with his eight-year-old sister Fanni.

### Race

And Kristof also aims to race ahead of the competition later this week when he competes in the Westfield Health British Transplant Games for the second time.

The youngster, of Old Hall Close, is competing as part of Birmingham Children's Hospital's Transplant Team and will take part in the 25m dash, obstacle race and ball throw for the five years and under category.

His parents Erika and Csaba, both 36, said they were overjoyed by the success of the liver transplant and how it changed their son's life.

Mrs Polgar said: "We just want to thank the people who agreed to donate the organ and the hospital staff for their hard work and dedication."

"We just want to highlight the importance of organ donation and how



Kristof Polgar, five, who underwent a life-saving liver transplant, brimming with pride alongside his sister Fanni and parents Erika and Csaba

and they said it would be okay. Kristof will be susceptible to problems such as obesity so it is important he keep active," she said.

And she added her son was looking forward to taking part in the games which start on Thursday and will be held in Sheffield.

"Fanni is very supportive and has built Kristof an obstacle course outside for him to practice."

"The team did very well last year and won the Best Children's Team award for the 16th year in a row." Kristof said he was excited about taking part in the games.

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## NEWS

## Tunnels scheme to mark start of complex

PLANS to turn historic tunnels into a museum are only the first phase of a much bigger scheme to transform the site into a major tourist hub, it has been revealed.

Quercus Ilex SA, which owns Drakelow Tunnels between Kinner and Wolverley, has submitted proposals for the museum to Wyre Forest District Council.

But an agent for the company today said the scheme was only intended to be 'phase one' of planned improvements for the site.

Owners also plan to create a nature walk giving greater access to a listed monument and views over the escarpment where the tunnels are built.

The Baxter Monument is an obelisk built in the mid-19th century by William Hancock in honour of 17th century preacher Richard Baxter.

There are also plans to eventually restore a series of rock houses at the site which are close to the tunnel entrances.

### Improvements

Two groups of houses are on the site – nine to the east on two levels which are almost intact along with some shallow overgrown cave houses which extend down the hillside to the west.

Agent for the owners Sarah Gauntlett Shea said the aim was to get the museum set up and generating money before embarking on other improvements.

"The museum represents phase one of what my client hopes to do with this historically very important site," she said.

The tunnels were excavated during the Second World War and used to manufacture machinery to be used in the conflict.

# Son's tribute to D-Day landings War veteran who died of cancer

## Bravery award for dog in balcony fall



Lynda Jennings, of Halesowen, at the dog show with Noah, who fell from a balcony and was rescued by vets

A PUPPY which fell 20ft from the balcony of a block of flats, is being cared for by members of a welfare charity in Halesowen, following his showing at a fundraising dog show.

Young Noah the Staffordshire bull terrier is now being wheeled around in his own makeshift buggy after being left unable to walk following the ordeal. He has so far endured two operations to plate and pin his

broken hind leg which have cost Black Country animal charity Wild Acres around £1,800 in vet bills.

Wild Acres volunteer Lynda Jennings, aged 36, said Noah had been discovered lying on the floor outside a tower block in Perry Barr, Birmingham, by passing ambulance paramedics four weeks ago.

The puppy, thought to be around eight months old, was taken to

Manor Vets, in Halesowen, to be cared for by staff. The vets practice works with Wild Acres to rehome pets and when the volunteers heard about Noah's predicament they helped stump up the cash to pay for the operations.

He has been living with Lynda at her home in Halesowen while he recuperates but even she says he faces an uncertain future.

TRIBUTES have been paid to a war veteran who was awarded medals for his part in the D-Day landings in Normandy. James Pound, was in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was called up during the Second World War, becoming one of the first soldiers to land on the beaches of Normandy in June 1944.

His son, also called James, of Cornwall Road, Stourbridge paid tribute to his 'honest' and 'hard-working' father, who was given six service medals and was one of the founding members of the Normandy Veterans Association in Walsall.

The father of three, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer earlier this year, was also the standard bearer for more than 20 years.

The 87-year-old, who had lived at Marshall Close and also worked for Aldridge-based firm S Jones Containers for 30 years.

Around 200 people, including Second World War veterans, attended his funeral service.

Mr Pound Jnr, aged 60, said: "In Normandy, he was shot and wounded on July 8, 1944 and he was shipped back to England.

"Whilst in hospital he had 100 pieces of shrapnel removed from his body but some pieces remained in him until he died."

### Terrible

Mr Pound, who grew up in Aston, Birmingham, and moved to Aldridge 55 years ago, returned to the Armed Forces in November 1944 and served in Germany, Egypt and Palestine before being discharged in 1947.

His son added: "My father was one of the first to land in Normandy. He used to say it was hard and terrible. His mates were dying around him. I am proud that he fought for this country and it was touching to see so many people at his funeral.

"I didn't realise how much my father was liked. He was straightforward and



D-Day veteran James Pound, who died, 87 honest. He was hard working.

"He always put food on the table for us."

Mr Pound also leaves behind his daughter Carol, 50, and son Desmond, 55.

He became a widower around 20 years ago when his wife Doreen died, aged 60.

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# Final phase of sports and housing scheme to include learning centre

**PLANS for the final phase of a £2million sports and housing scheme in Halesowen, which includes a new playing field and learning centre, have been lodged.**

Developer St Modwen has completed work on a new pavilion for Coombs Wood Cricket Club and is putting the finishing touches to new homes in Coombs Road.

Now it wants to begin work on the third stage of the project which will include a new grass sports pitch, multi-use games area

by Heather Large

and an outdoor classroom at Olive Hill Primary School.

Bosses say the scheme will provide 'much needed play and recreational and learning facilities' for the pupils.

The sports pitch will measure 177ft by 88ft and there also be a hard-surfaced games area. An early years learning centre will be created which will also have a climbing frame area.

The 'forest school' will allow pupils to have lessons outside and learn more about

the plants and wildlife on the nearby Coombeswood Green Wedge.

This outdoor area and the sports pitches could be made available for use by visiting schools or local clubs.

The developer's planning application says: "The proposals are for new outdoor playing and learning facilities for the school."

## Pressure

"The school has recently increased in size following the amalgamation with Holt Farm School and has recently constructed new extensions to the teaching area and as

such, the external 'playing area' is under severe pressure and new facilities are urgently needed."

Coombs Wood Cricket Club moved into its new £1m pavilion earlier this year.

It was built on a five-acre site off Stewarts Road, on the Coombeswood Green Wedge, and features meeting rooms, a bar, kitchen and changing rooms.

Meanwhile outside there is a pitch, some practice nets and a bowling green.

The club had outgrown its former clubhouse in Coombs Road but was unable to invest in the site to update facilities due to a short lease.

# MP issues call over speed of broadband

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has criticised Government plans for superfast broadband, he says will leave large parts of Dudley out. Smethwick, West Bromwich, Halesowen, Black Heath and Stone Cross are also to miss out on speed upgrades under the scheme.

The project will see the superfast broadband delivered to 95 per cent of the country. Mr Austin has written to Business Secretary Vince Cable, urging him to ensure that Black Country families and businesses are not missed.

He said: "Constituents got in touch with me after being told by broadband companies that Dudley wouldn't be seeing superfast broadband for years."

"The Government promised to bring higher speeds to 95 per cent of the country, and local businesses need to be able to operate at the same speed as those elsewhere, but they're not going to hit that target here in the Black Country."



MP Ian Austin

## Sue says adios for glass mission



Talented glass artist Sue Parry at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Amblecote who is going off to Mexico for four months

A GLASS artist is saying 'adios' to the Black Country to travel to Mexico for a four-month creative sabbatical.

Sue Parry, from Stourbridge, will be working with artists in Guanajuato, which is 7,000ft up in the Sierra Madre Mountains and described as cultural and artistic centre.

She will setting off on her trip in October and has organised a summer sale at her studio based at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Amblecote to help fund her travels.

Her speciality is sand-casting where molten glass is poured into a mould and takes up colours and textures and can then actually be handled at 1,200C with heat-resistant gloves to be manipulated into exotic shapes.

She said: "The vibrancy of the colours, the costumes and the art in Mexico will inspire a whole new exciting collection in 2014 that I will be creating in my local studio."

"I am going to be working with ceramic artists and do some painting. It will be good to have a break from my studio and create a new body of work," she added.

She will be flying to Los Angeles and then driving the 2,000 miles to Guanajuato.

Sue, aged 50, moved from Windsor to Stourbridge in 2003, and studied at The National Glass Centre in Brierley Hill, after abandoning a high-flying job as a treasury analyst at Honda to start a completely new career in glass-making.

## Courses are on the climb at leisure site

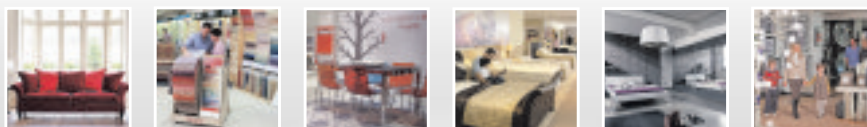
A LEISURE centre is offering new climbing courses starting next month. Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge will run the sessions on their great indoor climbing wall.

Beginners and experienced climbers can get training, with a chance to gain the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme, which accredits achievements in climbing, as well as offering development in the sport.

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### NEWS

## Borough is bucking the trend as TB cases go up

DUDLEY is bucking the trend across the West Midlands for cases of TB which rose in the past year, higher than the national average.

by Lee Watton

A total of 1,085 cases of tuberculosis were reported in the region in 2012, as medical experts said it remained an 'important health problem' in the UK.

The number of cases in the West Midlands rose from 1,008 in 2011. London has the highest rate of TB in the country, accounting for 40 per cent of cases.

But in the Midlands, Birmingham has the highest rate of cases with 455 reported for 2012.

However, in Dudley cases of TB fell by six to just 29. Sandwell was second with 119 cases, rising from 106 the year before.

Councillor Paul Moore, cabinet member for public health at Sandwell Council, said: "We inherited responsibility for public health on April 1," he said. "The rise in TB cases is a concern but it's

our aim as a council to try and halve the likes of TB within the next 10 years."

All the remaining Black Country boroughs have seen the rate of TB fall year-on-year. Wolverhampton dropped from 90 cases in 2011 to 76 last year. Walsall fell from 68 to 51. Across the whole of Staffordshire, there were 36 cases, up from 32.

Dr Nic Coetzee, who is consultant for disease control with PHE West Midlands, said: "TB is a preventable and treatable condition but if it is left untreated, it can be life threatening."

"The prevention and control of this disease must remain a public health priority in the West Midlands, as the TB rate increased from 18.0 per 100,000 head of population in 2011 to 19.3 in 2012.

## Hidden treasures set to be revealed



Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, in the Mayor's Parlour with Anthea Jones, and her son Maxwell, three VISITORS will be able to discover some of Dudley's hidden treasures during a heritage open day.

They will be able to take a peek behind-the-scenes at rooms including the main council chamber and the Mayor's Parlour when Dudley Council House opens its doors on September 14. The national day is organised by English Heritage and as part of the event, culture bosses have organised a fun-filled day for the family.

The Council House in Priory Road, Dudley, will be open from 11am to 3pm. There will be guided tours of the council chamber, including a talk about how the council works.

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## THE WAY I SEE IT

# No help in sight as families struggle with energy costs

ENERGY bills are one of the biggest costs facing households at the moment. People I meet in Dudley ask me all the time – why do energy prices always rise and never seem to fall?

Bills are rising and wages are falling, but the Government has done nothing to help. As a result, working families face rip-off energy bills that are £200 higher than they were three years ago. The Government just doesn't understand how hard this is hitting people. Their only idea is to force energy companies to offer just four different tariffs each.

They just don't get it. Hard-working families need the Government to cut their bills, not cut their options.

Now there are reports that energy companies are scrapping cheaper tariffs and keeping more expensive ones. EDF Energy and SSE have sent letters to thousands of customers informing them that they're being moved to a more expensive tariff because their cheap tariff is being scrapped 'as a result of new regulations'.

What a mess. Sadly it's not the only one – with few families benefiting from the Government's much vaunted Green Deal insulation scheme. I've heard from constituents who tick every box for the Government's insulation schemes, but just can't get energy companies to stump up.

Energy giants have enjoyed a £3.3 billion windfall on David Cameron's watch. We desperately need



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### Bedroom Tax

EARLIER this year I warned that the Bedroom Tax could cost more money than it saves.

Everyone agrees making larger homes available for overcrowded families is a good thing, but you've got to make homes available for people to move to. With the number of homes being built having collapsed under this government to the lowest levels since the 1920s, there just aren't enough smaller homes.

Now we're seeing the real cost of the Bedroom Tax. In the first three months of the policy, rent arrears in Dudley have leaped by 50

per cent, 39 families have gone to court, and just 81 tenants out of 3,333 have actually moved into smaller properties.

That's a disaster, and it's the same story nationally. Across the country 96 per cent of those affected don't have a smaller home to move into. Difficulties implementing the policy are already costing the public an extra £102.5 million.

And the Bedroom Tax isn't going to get any cheaper. I'm worried that costs will only increase from here on out as more families fall into arrears, become homeless, or move to private homes with sky-high rents.

### Benefits

THE bigger picture on work and benefits is just as bad. Unemployment means that the benefits bill is £20bn higher than planned.

Youth unemployment is edging back towards a million. Long-term unemployment is rising.

We've got to get the economy working to provide the jobs people need. Then I want to see a new approach to welfare underpinned by clear principles of hard work.

First, no-one should be better off out of work than in work. For hard-working people, there is nothing more infuriating than hearing that people living on benefits are just as well off. That's why I agree with the principle that benefits must be capped.

Second, everyone must be prepared to work. I want to see every young and long-term unemployed person guaranteed a paid job that they must do or face losing benefits.

Third, there needs to be more help for those who have worked hard for years and have lost their jobs through no fault of their own in the recession. Currently they get the same basic help as someone who has been out of work for years. That isn't always appropriate, and what they really need is targeted support to get them straight back into work.

Fourth, we have to get the benefits bill down. That means dropping policies that are actually costing the taxpayer money, like the Bedroom Tax. Instead we need to look at long-term reforms, like investing in new affordable homes instead of paying out billions of pounds in rent through Housing Benefit.

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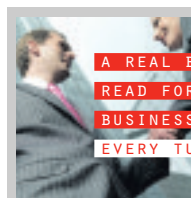
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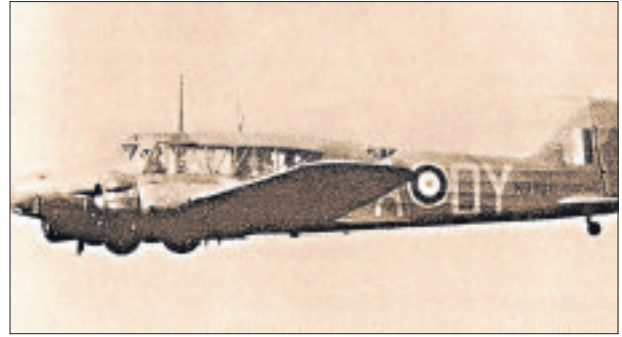
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The Air Scouts Anson, a feature of the airfield for many years



An Air Scout experiencing a cockpit at a recent event



An Anson serving at Halfpenny Green during the War

# Anson aircraft making a return to Halfpenny

IN 1935 the famous Avro Aircraft company flew the prototype of a two-seat bomber it called the Anson.

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The Anson had a short career as a bomber and was then pressed into service as a trainer and a light transport.

RAF Halfpenny Green was opened in 1941 and housed No.3 Air Observer (Navigators) School, which was very soon equipped with 66 Avro Ansons, which were one of the most common sights in the skies around the Black Country.

The Station closed at the end

by Alec Brew

of the War, but it was reopened as a training base in 1950 at the start of the Korean War, and the Ansons returned.

In 1953 it closed once again, but Halfpenny Green had not seen the last of the Avro Anson.

The airfield reopened for civil flying in 1961, and in 1963 the Halfpenny Green Air Scouts moved into one of the old RAF huts.

## Proudly

They soon acquired an Avro Anson, as a training aid, and they proudly looked after it for many years, and in January 1969 it was joined by several more.

The Anson was finally retired as a light transport by the RAF in 1968, and a local company called Tipper Air Transport acquired

eight of them, in the hope of selling them on to the civil market.

They were parked at Halfpenny Green for some time awaiting a buyer.

Sadly a buyer never appeared and the Ansons went for scrap, and soon afterwards the Air Scouts lost theirs, donating it to the Midland Air Museum, after it suffered vandalism.

Now an Anson is returning to Halfpenny Green, or at least the cockpit of one.

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## NEWS FEATURE

# Strangers on the sure way to reboot 60s days

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But almost 50 years after they first took to the stage a group of pals from Dudley have reunited to celebrate a music milestone and a homecoming gig.

They formed their band The Strangers playing to packed out crowds at a host of Midlands venues, living the life of the swinging sixties.

Brumbeat was the word on the lips of many music aficionados trying to break the next big thing after the stunning success of the Fab Four.

### Packing

But it was the Black Country band gigging seven days a week that were packing clubs to rival their peers from up and down the country. The Strangers were among a few to impress the club bosses, playing the biggest tracks of the time.

"It was an amazing time. If you could remember the sixties you weren't really there," said former lead singer Roy. "We loved it. We'd be playing seven nights a week with hardly any time to rehearse."

Songs like It's All Over Now by The Rolling Stones, Roll Over Beethoven by Chuck Berry and She Loves You by the Beatles were among their impressive repertoire. The Strangers morphed out of two other bands of the time - The Crestas and The Marauders in the early 60s.

Their settled line-up included lead guitarist Alan Clee, now aged 68 and living in Coseley, drummer Mick Aston, 71, from Dudley, 70-year-old Roy 'Dripper' Kent on vocals, Tony Dalloway, 71, from Lower Gornal, on rhythm guitar and bassist Jake Elcock,



The Strangers in 1964, pose in the boot of a Ford Zodiac. From left, Mick Aston, Alan Clee, Jake Elcock, Tony Dalloway, and Roy 'Dripper' Kent



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69, from Sedgley, Tony said: "There was no better feeling than playing in a rock 'n' roll band in the 60s. Our wives might not agree because very often they stayed at home with the children, but for the lads up on stage it was magic."

They graced legendary venues of the day like the Plasas in Old Hill and Handsworth, The Adelphi Ballroom, in West Bromwich, and The Ritz at King's Heath. But one of their most

popular haunts was the Gladstone Liberal Club, known as Dudley Jazz Club, in New Street, in the town centre.

Clubs would often pay them around £10 to perform and the group said they were delighted just to be paid to play each night.

Nights would be spent playing sets at pubs finishing off at 10.30pm before packing their gear into a van for a late gig until until 2am somewhere else.

"In those days there was so much work that everyone had some money," said Alan. Alan, Jake and Roy will take to the stage together again with performers from other well known bands of the time, including the Montanas, this December. They will be joined by a special guest on keyboards, Chris Groucutt, son of the late Kelly Groucutt, who was bass player with ELO.

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It now has sites in Dudley, Wolverhampton and Merry Hill, Brierley Hill and a 70-strong team of staff which includes mechanics, painters and valeters.

Helping to run the specialist firm is Mr Pugh's daughter Dawn Owen and Mrs

Freeman's son Tim, manager of the Merry Hill site, who are both injecting new ideas into the business as they plan for the next 15 years of growth.

Managing director Mr Pugh, said: "Since setting up the company in 1998 it has grown steadily from just one site to three sites operating in the Black Country, which is a great achievement – especially in recent years as we've managed to win through in the toughest economic climate in recent memory."

"That success has partly been down to the good reputation we have built here at BodyKraft over the years. We are known for our focus on customer care and specialist knowledge. But on the other side of the coin the business has thrived because of our long-term, loyal workforce which we've tried to hand-pick from across the Black Country and

the wider West Midlands. Their professionalism, talent and willingness to embrace the latest technology and learn new skills has helped us to thrive."

Mr Pugh, who has more than 40 years in the accident repair sector, said that the firm's management team is currently working on a number of exciting ideas to expand into new specialist areas within the next 12 months.

Much of BodyKraft's work involves full-on accident and business insurance repairs together with paint and dent removals.

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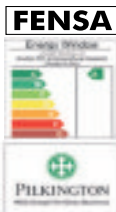
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A GOLDEN couple have celebrated 50 years of married bliss with their family.

Rita and Tony Davies, of Pensnett, were 15 and 17 when they caught each other's eye at the Round Oaks Steelworks Club in Brierley Hill.

"We got talking and arranged to go out the following evening," said Mrs Davies, now aged 66.

And sparks flew for the couple who were later married at Dudley Register Office on August 8 1963.

They have three sons - Martyn, Brett and Lee - as well as six grand-daughters and a grandson. The couple also have a great-granddaughter.

A YOUTH hub which was damaged during an arson attack at a Dudley charity will have to be demolished, devastated bosses have said.

Managers at St Thomas's Network in Kates Hill have been left shattered by the blaze which caused thousands of pounds of damage.

The youth building at the community centre in Beechwood Road was gutted by the fire two weeks ago and bosses say it is beyond repair and will have to be knocked down. They have also renewed their appeal for firms and individuals to help provide CCTV cameras.

These would be used to help protect the site from further attacks. The charity has been able to use other rooms at its base so it could continue to provide its youth activities during the summer holidays.

**Security**

Jennifer Gregory, from the charity's senior management team, said: "Because of the extent of the damage, the building will have to be knocked down."

"We are carrying on with our youth provision using different rooms. We are still looking for anyone who can help with security."

The youth building had housed new equipment and table tennis tables for teenagers to use during weekly events.

Insurance assessors will analyse the damage. It is thought to have been caused after vandals broke in through a window.

Steve Waltho, chairman of the board of trustees at St Thomas' Network, said the charity group provided 'a lifeline' for people who were living in what is one of the Dudley borough's most deprived areas.

Mr Waltho said he hoped Dudley Council might be able to offer advice and support over what the organisation can do to aid its youth operation in the meantime.

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Photoshop Intermediate	23/09/2013	Monday	6.30-8.30	£45.00
Photoshop	24/09/2013	Tuesday	6.30-8.30	£45.00
Web Design, Word Press for beginners	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Computers – Internet for beginners	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Computers for Senior Citizens	27/09/2013	Friday	1.30-3.30	£45.00
Computers for Senior Citizens	27/09/2013	Friday	3.30-5.30	£45.00
Arts & Crafts				
Flower Arranging - Beginners	23/09/2013	Monday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Flower Arranging – Intermediate	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Fashion Sewing	23/09/2013	Monday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Jewellery Making - Beginners	24/09/2013	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Jewellery Making - Intermediate	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Cake Decorating and Sugarcraft - Beginners	24/09/2013	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Cake Decorating and Sugarcraft - Beginners	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Black Country Crafts	16/10/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£36.00*
Candle Making	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Soft Furnishing	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Art – How to Draw and Paint - Beginners	27/09/2013	Friday	9.45-11.45	£45.00*
Art – How to Draw and Paint – Intermediate	27/09/2013	Friday	9.45-11.45	£45.00*
Face Painting	23/09/2013	Monday	1.00-3.00	£45.00*
	24/09/2013	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Music				
Guitar – Follow On	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£45.00*
Guitar Beginners	26/09/2013	Thursday	6.00-7.00	£45.00*
Languages				
Sign Language Level 1 award in BSL	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	Contact Centre For Details
	26/09/2013	Thursday	1.00-3.00	
Sign Language Level 2 award in BSL	23/09/2013	Monday	7.00-9.00	
	26/09/2013	Thursday	9.30-12.30	
Introduction to Sign Language	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£60.00
	26/09/2013	Thursday	1.00-3.00	
	28/09/2013	Saturday	9.30-11.30	
Spanish – Beginners, Entry Level 1	23/09/2013	Monday	7.00-9.00	Contact Centre For Details
Spanish – follow on Entry level 2	24/09/2013	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	
Literature				
Racy Writing	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Creative Writing	26/09/2013	Thursday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Business				
Start Your own Business	28/09/2013	Saturday	9.30-11.30	£45.00
Stock Market Trading	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
	06/11/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Dance/Drama				
Belly Dance for Beginners	27/09/2013	Friday	6.15-7.15	£22.50
Black Sheep Belly Dance – Level 2	27/09/2013	Friday	7.30-9.00	£33.75
Drama	25/09/2013	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	£45.00
Keep Fit				
Gentle Keep Fit	24/09/2013	Tuesday	10.00-11.30	£22.50
Zumba	24/09/2013	Tuesday	11.30-12.30	£33.75

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## CLUB NEWS

### Speaker displays Wisdom

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AT the August meeting, chairman Enid Fennell welcomed two visitors. Sheila Watts was also welcomed back after her recent stay in hospital.

Following the usual necessary business, final arrangements were made for the outing to the Ruskin centre. Ena Baker was congratulated on winning a prize at the Federation's annual luncheon.

The various sub sections announced forthcoming events, which included a musical quiz and a visit to see Oliver! at Brierley Hill.

Pearl was thanked for providing flowers for the chairman's table, which she generously donated as an extra raffle prize.

Speaker for the evening was Mike Sampson, who gave an account of The Life and Times of Norman Wisdom. And what a life it was!

Norman was even more talented than everyone realised and the ladies were absolutely enthralled, so much so that you could have heard a pin drop.

The speaker was thanked by Chris Groves. Raffle prizes were won by Ena Baker and Chris Groves.

The meeting on Monday, September 9 will be a Harvest Supper when the ladies will partake of hot dogs, after first giving thanks for Harvest time, a sufficient food supply and friends to share our meal.

### Guild falls short in national bowls final

PELSALL 'E'

AUGUST 8 was the date of the national bowls final. Pelsall's team, Val Chalker and Margaret Worrall, representing South Staffordshire Federation, were not deterred by a 90 minute motorway hold up and enjoyed two days in Fleetwood.

Unfortunately they did not manage to get beyond the first round of the championship, eventually won by Wingerworth Guild from Chesterfield.

There was a very good attendance at the Harvest Supper on August 15. Supper was followed by members reading their own choices of poems, nonsense verses and monologues, with particular thanks going to Denise Blair and Lynne Bradin for their highly entertaining renditions.

There are vacancies on an outing to Knutsford and Blakemere Craft Centre, Cheshire, on October 28.

On September 19, Penny Wheat will talk about visiting prisoners on Death Row. The competition: a specimen rose.

For further information on the guild call Val Walker on 01922 684724, or Margaret Worrall on 01922 682466.



Bowls finalists Val Chalker and Margaret Worrall

### Talk on industrial growth

WORDSLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

WORDSLEY History Society will be hosting an illustrated talk by Paul Luter.

It will be entitled 'Iron and Coal Master of South Staffs Coalfield', depicting the growth of the iron and

coal industries from the late 1760s to the turn of the last century.

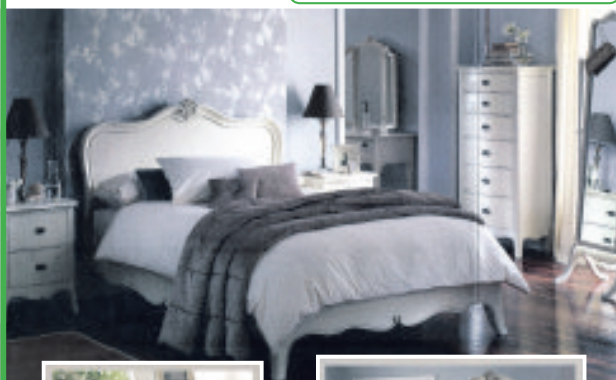
The talk will take place on Thursday, September 12 at 7.30pm in the Commu-

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New members are always welcome, also visitors at a cost of £2 including light refreshments.

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Beginners Course: Tues 24th Sept. 19.00-21.00, 11 wks. £57.90 #  
Improvers Course: Mon 23rd Sept. 19.00-21.00, 11 wks. £57.90 #

**NEW ITALIAN: AN INTRODUCTION**  
Mon 16th Sept. 9.30-11.30, 6 wks. £31.60 #

**NEW ARABIC: AN INTRODUCTION**  
Mon 4th Nov. 9.30-11.30, 6 wks. £31.60 #

**CREATIVE WRITING** Mon 23rd Sept. 19.00-21.00. OR  
Mon 11th Nov. 19.00-21.00. Both 5 wks. £26.30 #

**NEW RACY WRITING**  
Tues 1st Oct. 19.00-21.00. 10 wks. £52.60 #

**INTRO TO SIGN LANGUAGE**  
Mon.30th Sept. 19.00-21.00 10 wks. £52.60 #

**COMPUTING SKILLS:** All courses 3 wks £22.30 #.

**THE BASICS:**  
Tues 17th Sept 14.30-16.30, Tues 17th Sept 19.00-21.00,  
Tues 5th Nov. 14.30-16.30 OR Tues 5th Nov. 19.00-21.00

**INTERNET + E MAIL:** Tues 8th Oct. 14.30-16.30, Tues 8th Oct.  
19.00-21.00, Tues 26th Nov. 14.30-16.30 OR Tues 26th Nov.  
19.00-21.00

**NEW KEYBOARD SKILLS WORD PROCESSING:**  
Tues 17th Sept. 12.00-14.00

**NEW PRODUCING POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND CARDS:**  
Tues 8th Oct. 12.00-14.00

**NEW SIMPLE SPREADSHEETS:** Tues 5th Nov 12.00-14.00

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Mon 4th Nov. 19.00-20.30. 6 wks. £44.50 #

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Tues 19th Nov. 19.00-21.00. All 5 wks £37.10 #

**BUYING AND SELLING ON E-BAY**  
Tues 17th Sept. 19.00-21.00, Wed 2nd Oct. 9.30-11.30,  
Tues 15th Oct. 19.00-21.00. OR Wed 6th Nov. 9.30-11.30.  
All 4 wks. £29.70. #

**AN INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY**  
Mon 24th Sept. 14.30-16.30 5 wks. £42.10 # (£10)

**AN INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL IMAGING USING PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS** Mon 16th Sept. 9.30-11.30 OR  
Tues 5th Nov.. 9.30-11.30. Both 6 wks. £44.50 #

**CONTINUING DIGITAL IMAGING: PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS** Mon 4th Nov. 9.30-11.30. 6 wks. £44.50 #

**CREATE YOUR OWN WEBSITE** Wed 23rd Oct.  
14.30-16.30 OR Thurs 24th Oct. 19.00-21.00. Both 7 wks.  
£51.90 #

**FITNESS YOGA** @ Oakfield **Short N'Sweet**  
Fri 20th Sept. 11.15-12.15. 6 wks. £24.70 #

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**PILATES**  
Beginners: Thurs 19th Sept. 18.00-19.00, 12 wks. £37.10 #  
Beg. @ Oakfield: Fri 20th Sept. 10.00-11.00, 12 wks. £44.50 #  
Improvers: Tues 17th Sept. 19.00-20.00, 12 wks. £37.10  
Improvers: Wed 18th Sept. 18.30-19.30, 12 wks. £37.10  
Improvers: Thurs 19th Sept. 19.05-20.05, 12 wks. £37.10  
Improvers: Thurs 19th Sept. 20.10-21.10, 12 wks. £37.10

**LEGS, BUMS & TUMS**  
Tues 17th Sept.. 20.05-21.05, 12 wks. £37.10

**BALLROOM and LATIN AMERICAN DANCING**  
All classes start Mon 16th Sept. for 12 wks. Beginners 18.45-19.45, £40.20. Improvers/ Intermediates 19.45-21.00. £50.30

**ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS:** Begin Mon 16th Sept. for 12 wks. All cost £37.10. Beginners: 19.00-19.45. Improvers: 19.45-20.30. Intermediates: 20.30-21.15

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Intermediates: Mon.16th Sept. 19.00-21.00. 12 wks. £63.10 #  
Improvers: Tues.17th Sept. 19.00-21.00. 12 wks. £63.10 #  
**NEW Beginners:** Thurs.19th Sept. 20.00-21.00. 12 wks. £44.50 #  
Cont. Beginners: Thurs.19th Sept. 19.00-20.00. 12 wks. £44.50 #

**MEDITATION** Thurs 3rd Oct. OR Thurs 7th Nov. 19.00-20.30. Both 4 wks. £22.30 # **Short N'Sweet**

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Mon 16th Sept. 14.30-16.30, Thurs 19th Sept 19.00-21.00 OR  
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**NEW HAIR STYLING FOR BEGINNERS** **Short N'Sweet**  
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Wed 18th Sept. 9.30 - 11.30, 12 wks. £63.10 #  
Thurs 19th Sept. 10.00 - 12.00, 12 wks. £63.10 #  
Thurs 19th Sept. 13.30-15.30, 12 wks. £63.10 #

**FLORAL ARTS:** All 3 wks. £28.30 # (£11.00)

**HAPPY HOUSEPLANTS:** Tues 17th Sept. 14.30-16.30

**BASIC BRIDAL DISPLAY:** Tues 8th Oct. 14.30-16.30

**HEADRESS + HAIR DECORATIONS:**  
Tues 5th Nov. 14.30-16.30

**BASIC POSY:** Tues 26th Nov. 14.30-16.30 **Short N'Sweet**

**LEARN TO SCULPT IN STONE**  
Thurs 7th Nov. 19.00 - 21.00 6 wks. £49.40 #.

**CANAL ART: ROSES AND CASTLES**  
Tues. 5th Nov. 12.00-14.00 OR Mon 25th Nov. 19.00-21.00  
Both 3 wks. £22.30 # **Short N'Sweet**

**JEWELLERY MAKING** Mon 4th Nov. 19.00-21.00  
OR Tues 26th Nov. 12.00-14.00 Both 3 wks. £22.30 #

**FACE PAINTING AND GLITTER TATTOOS**  
Mon 16th Sept. OR Mon 4th Nov.  
Both 19.00-21.00. 6 wks. £37.60 # (£11)

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Thurs 19th Sept. 18.00-20.00. OR  
Thurs 7th Nov. 18.00-20.00. 6 wks £31.60 #

**PATCHWORK** suitable for all levels.  
Tues 17th Sept. 19.00-21.00. 6 wks. £31.60 # OR  
Wed.18th Sept. 14.30-16.30. 12 wks. £63.10 #

**UPHOLSTERY** suitable for all levels  
Mon 16th Sept. 19.00-21.00. 6 wks. £31.60 # OR  
Wed.18th Sept. 12.00-14.00. 12 wks. £63.10 #

**NEEDLE FELT** Tues 5th Nov. 9.30-11.30 OR  
Thurs 7th Nov. 19.00-21.00, 6 wks. £31.60.

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Mon 2nd Sept., Mon 7th Oct., Mon 6th Jan. 2014 OR Mon 16th June 2014 All 9.00-12.00. £18.80

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Thurs 21st Nov. 19.00-21.00 Both 4 wks £21.00 #

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**ADULT SWIMMING:** Mon. 12.30-13.15, Tues. 19.00-20.00, Thurs. 19.00-20.15. All £2.70

**AQUAFIT:** Wed. 12.30-13.15, Fri. 11.15-12.30. £2.70. Wed. 19.00-20.00, Sun. 9.00-10.00. £3.80

**FITNESS SWIM:** Mon. 18.00-18.45. £2.00  
for 10-19 yrs olds  
The community programme starts on Mon 2nd Sept. No sessions 21st Dec. 2013 to 5th Jan. 2014 inc.

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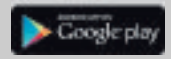
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## REVIEW

**Evita, Grand Theatre**  
MARTI Fellow may have been the 'star' of Evita but it was Madelena Alberto as Eva who shone throughout.

Her acting was superb, and that voice – strong, dynamic and yet soft and gentle when needed. She lived the part of the teenage girl who ran away to Buenos Aires and into the affections of Juan Peron, the President of Argentina, and the packed audience at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre just loved it – and her. The standing ovation was well deserved.

Evita is one of Lloyd-Webber and Rice's most powerful musicals and her performance was just that.

## Memorable

Pop star-turned theatre star Marti Fellow did an admirable job as the revolutionary Che Guevara, the cynical narrator, but at the start it was difficult to hear what he was singing.

Fortunately most people would know the story of how Evita, as she was affectionately known, not only became the First Lady of her country, but to her people, the spiritual leader, before her death from cancer aged just 33.

The story is told through song and Madelena, a Portuguese actress and singer/songwriter sang the memorable Don't Cry for Me Argentina not as a song, but as a speech that Eva gives as the First Lady of Argentina. She held the audience spellbound.

It runs until Saturday. Try to get a ticket. **SA**

# Ocean Colour Scene coming back home for big festival

**OCEAN Colour Scene are coming home this weekend to headline at the Moseley Folk Festival where they will pay homage to their roots by playing their Moseley Shoals album.**

The festival at Moseley Park, Birmingham runs from Friday until Sunday September 1 with OCS on stage on the first night.

## Legends of Dublin just keep going

LAST year The Dubliners celebrated their 50th anniversary but sadly the tour was followed by the death of the last founder member 'Banjo' Barney McKenna.

After much soul-searching the remaining members, excluding John Sheahan who felt he had other musical avenues to explore, decided they would carry on and renamed themselves The Dublin Legends.

The line up of veterans Sean Cannon, Patsy Watchorn, Eamonn Campbell and relative newcomer Gerry O'Connor will be on stage in Moseley on Sunday.

Also lined up are Edwyn Collins, who will be on Stage on the Saturday, The Dublin Legends who are made up of the remaining members of The Dubliners and Yorkshire's Kate Rusby.

Lucy Rose will take to the stage on Sunday and among the other great acts will be British Sea Power, The Be Good Tanyas, The Staves, The Leisure Society, Katherine Priddy and Tir Na Nog.

Doors open at 1pm on Friday and 11am on Saturday and Sunday. Each day finishes at 10.30pm.

The first acts are on soon after the gates open and Main Stage headliners are the last act of the day and will be on stage around 9pm.

Full performance times will be on display at the festival information tent and the bar, they will also be in the festival programme.

For more information go to [www.moseleyfolk.co.uk](http://www.moseleyfolk.co.uk)



Birmingham-based Dan Whitehouse will be playing the Moseley Folk Festival

## Dan's the man for Moseley

**WOLVERHAMPTON** singer songwriter Dan Whitehouse will be appearing at the festival on Sunday.

Dan who is about to launch his second album will be playing the Centre Court Stage.

Originally from Compton Dan is now based in Birmingham and his new CD Reaching for a State of mind will be officially launched on September 29 at the Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote Street, Birmingham. It will then be released on October 7.

At the theatre Dan will be playing with a full band and has recently announced he will be joined by Duke Special as his guest.

Doors open 6pm tickets are £8 in advance or £11 on the night. Call 0121 643 5858.

## Revved up for Himley

PLANS are now finalised for the Classic Car and Transport Show taking place at Himley Hall, Dudley, on September 1.

Following on from last year's successful event which attracted a record crowd and hundreds of vehicles, organiser Geoff Price is hoping for good weather to complete a season of outdoor classic car events around the Midlands.

Now in its 14th year the show has once again attracted over 700 vehicles from across the region with cars dating back to the 1920s including a 1924 Rolls Royce and a 1925 locally-produced Bean Tourer. For the children the show has inflatables, quad bikes and miniature open top bus rides.

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The Ridge Primary School, Gregory Road, 7.30pm Tel: Laura 07959 521969

**Quarry Bank**  
Thomas Primary School, Thomas Road, 4.30pm & 5.30pm Tel: Lisa 01304 825887

**Worlebury**  
Edmund Park Primary School, Bells Lane, 7.30pm Tel: Ian 01304 627999

**Dudley Wood**  
Methodist Church, Quarry Road, 8.30am Tel: Lisa 01384 828587

**Halesowen**  
Halesowen School, Fildon Lane, 8.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Steven 07959 521175

**Sedgley**  
Goswell End School, Goswell End Road, 7.30pm Tel: Vanessa 07959 545559

**Metcalfe**  
Coke Street Methodist Church, Coke Street 8.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Heather 01562 601140

**Halesowen**  
Townsend Social Club, Bournebridge Road, 8.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Louise 01354 600373

**TUESDAY**  
Halesowen/Halesowen Christian Fellowship, 35 Albert Road, 8.30am & 11.30am Tel: Michaela 0121 802 3267

**Halesowen**  
Lafley Community Centre, Brook Willow Road, 8.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Michaela 0121 802 3267

**Worlebury**  
Richardson Hall, Lennards Road, 10am Tel: Ian 01384 827996

**Norton**  
Gignell Primary School, The Broadway, 7pm Tel: Anne 07957 719301

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**NEW GROUP FROM TUES 17th SEPT**  
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**Bonnyville/Kingsweilford**  
Dingle Community Centre, Madeline Road, 7pm Tel: Diane 07904 657589

**Walsoken**  
St James C of E Primary School, Kingsway, 7pm Tel: Deborah 01562 807932

**Rensley Ridge**  
Dovestrey Centre, Rensley Village, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Ranton 07982 468085

**Woodsetton**  
Beantree Primary School, Park Road Entrance, 7pm Tel: Sarah 07953 64594

**Oldbury**  
Sainsbury's (Sainsbury's) Fresh Street, 6pm & 7.10pm Tel: Ann 0121 422 3289

**Reddare**  
Hub Green School, Hub Green Road, 8.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Paula 07945 847958

**Upper Gornal**  
Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Spills Meadow off Road Street, 7.30pm Tel: Lynn 07955559594

**Gornal**  
Zoar Methodist Church, Abbey Road, 5.30pm & 7pm Tel: Sue 01304 211425

**WEDNESDAY**  
Ambicote  
Ambicote Primary School, School Drive, 7.30pm Tel: Caroline 01562 888315

### WEDNESDAY

**Oldbury**  
St Mary's Church Hall, Rensley Road, 4pm, 5.30am & 7.30pm Tel: Kerry 01384 833812

**Brenley Hill**  
Wynne Primary School, Cayfield Avenue, 7pm Tel: Lynne 01304 455427

**Kewer**  
Walsley Heath Junior School, Smille Road, 7pm Tel: Ian 01384 827989

**Kingsweilford**  
Royal British Legion, Summerhill, 5.30pm, 8.30pm & 6.30pm Tel: Ann 01384 74864

**Lower Gornal**  
The Strala Primary School, Longfellow Road, (off Bournebridge Road), 7.30pm Tel: Wendy 07957 594752

**Brookwood**  
Brookwood Community Centre, Pennant Road, 10am Tel: Ian 01384 827989

**Narberth**  
The Chapel, St Giles Street, 10am (off Halesowen Road) 7.00pm Tel: Heather 01562 851745

**Trivale**  
St Michaels Church, Trivale Road, 10.00am & 7.30pm Tel: Karole 01902 403885

**Quinton**  
Poor Dwellings High School, Dwellings Lane, 10am Tel: Elaine 0121 8806414

**Blackheath**  
Central Methodist Church, High Street, 10am, 3.30pm & 5.30pm Tel: Ann 0121 422 0295

**Holy Trinity Church**  
Halesowen Road, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Jill 01384 562162

### WEDNESDAY

**Oldbury**  
Territorial Army Centre, Rensley House, Grafton Road, 9.30am Tel: Mike 01384 833801

**Holly Hall**  
Holly Hall School, Scotts Green Close, 7pm Tel: Tony 07730 079559

**Dudley/Upper Gornal**  
Dunlop Miner R.O. School, Broom Road 7pm Tel: Sue 01562 862323

**THURSDAY**  
Brenley Hill  
Greenfield Primary School, Hill Street, 7.30pm Tel: Marie 01384 650001

**Pennington**  
Pennington Community Centre, 100 Upper High Street, 8.30am, 9pm & 7pm Tel: Kim 0121 583 1099

**Halesowen**  
St Peter's Church, Hollands Road, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Elaine 0121 550 6414

**Oldbury**  
Nether End Neighbourhood Centre, Mogul Lane, 5.15pm & 7.15pm Tel: Amanda 07962 274058

**Stourbridge**  
St Thomas Church Hall, Market Street, 10.00am Tel: John 01084 423918

**Hagley**  
Hagley Primary School, Park Road, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Paula 07946 847068

### THURSDAY

**Hawthorn**  
Central Centre, Bredell Lane, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: John 01384 423918

**Pennington**  
Lewell Club, 152 High Street, 4.00pm, 8.30pm Tel: Gillian 01384 830825

**Sedgley/Upper Gornal**  
Social Club, High Holborn, Dudley Road, 5.00pm & 7.30pm Tel: Sue 01902 853323

**Dudley**  
Central Methodist Church, Cross Street, 10.00am, 12 noon, 5.00pm & 7.30pm Tel: Sue 01384 211425

**Halesowen**  
Townsend Social Club, Bournebridge Road, 8.30pm Tel: Louise 01384 830370

**FRIDAY**  
Kingsweilford  
St Mary's Church Hall, The Village, 10.00am Tel: Sue 07959 354234

**Halesowen**  
Members Club, Hagley Road, 10.00am Tel: Jill 01384 562162

**SATURDAY**  
Hawthorn  
Oakfield Community Centre, Bredell Lane, 9.30am Tel: Jill 07730 967945

**Oldbury**  
Nether End Neighbourhood Centre, Mogul Lane, 9am & 10.30am Tel: Amanda 07962 274055

**Lower Gornal**  
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# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 31.08.13

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### CHOICE



Arnold Schwarzenegger

**Terminator 2: Judgment Day**  
**Channel 4, 9.20pm**  
 James Cameron and Arnold Schwarzenegger returned to the saga that had made them bankable stars in 1984. For newcomers, this glorious adventure sees future resistance leader John Connor attempting to break his mum out of a secure hospital and then trying to stop her killing the man who will create lethal company Skynet. Oh, and while he's doing that he has to avoid dying at the mercurial hands of a shape-shifting Terminator. After 22 years the movie's visuals still look great, and the action scenes are an adrenaline-fuelled treat.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Gabby Logan visits sports projects in Hackney Marshes. **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live MotoGP. **3.00** Rowing. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** That Puppet Game Show. **5.55** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.15**

**Pointless Celebrities.** A chefs special, with Rustie Lee, Antony Worrall Thompson, Thor Randall, Rachel Allen, Jean-Christophe Novelli, Paul Rankin, Aaron Craze and John Whaite.

**7.05 I Love My Country.** With Eamonn Holmes, Kelly Holmes, Iwan Thomas, Helen Flanagan, Martine McCutcheon and Dougie Poynter.

**7.50 The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds, with the winners playing for the money in the safe.

**8.40 Casualty.** Ash tries to improve Lily's bedside manner.

**9.30 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.** With Ardal O'Hanlon, Jack Whitehall, Andi Osho and Sean Collins. (R)

**10.00 BBC News: Weather.**  
**10.20 Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Manchester City v Hull City; National Lottery Update.

**11.40 The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games.

**12.55 Weatherview.** **1.00** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.05 Film:** The Boy with Green Hair. (1948) **8.25 Film:** The Little Minister. (1934) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **11.30** University Challenge. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Caribbean Food Made Easy. (R) **1.15** EastEnders. **3.10** Coast. **3.30** Wild China. (R) **4.30** Urban Jungle. **5.00** Flog It! Trade Secrets.

**6.00 Dragons' Den.** A publisher proposes a business strategy that goes against industry trends. (R)

**7.00 Proms Extra 2013.** The BBC Symphony Orchestra's performance of Wagner's Tristan and Isolde. Last in the series.

**7.40 Dad's Army.** The platoon defends headquarters against members of the Highland Regiment. (R)

**8.10 Thatcher - The Downing Street Years.** A look at Margaret Thatcher's relationships with US president Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and her increasing isolation as the economy worsened. (R)

**9.15 Terror in the Desert.** The stories of British survivors of January's hostage crisis in Algeria, when terrorists linked to al-Qaeda stormed a gas facility and held hundreds of workers captive.

**10.15 Qi XL.** With Jeremy Clarkson, Jason Manford and Sandi Toksvig.

**11.00 Film: Jacknife.** (1989) Drama, starring Robert De Niro.

**12.35 Film: Federal Hill.** (1994) Crime drama, starring Nicholas Turturro. **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.35** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.40** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Bookaboo. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Fish Hooks. **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Saturday Farm. **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) **2.25** The Chase. (R) **3.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00 New You've Been Framed!**  
**6.30 Stepping Out.** New series. Celebrity dance contest in which six familiar faces and their real-life partners try to master routines in different genres each week. Davina McCall hosts.

**8.00 The X Factor.** New series. The talent show returns with two editions every week and welcomes Sharon Osbourne back to the judges' desk, as the acts perform at the first closed-room auditions.

**9.20 Through the Keyhole.** New series. Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show in which celebrity panelists are challenged to identify the homes of the rich and famous.

**10.15 ITV News: Weather.**  
**10.30 Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall.** (2008) Romantic comedy, with Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Russell Brand, Mila Kunis, Bill Hader and Liz Cackowski.

**12.30 Jackpot247.** **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** VW Racing Cup. **7.05** The Grid. **7.30** Long Course Weekend. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Chester and Beverley. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.25 Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Nigel Womack hosts the final dinner party in East Lancashire, and prepares a menu featuring aphrodisiacs before the winner is announced. (R)

**6.55 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.25 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America.** Amateur footage and audiotape recorded by people around New York, giving an insight into their experiences of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Centre in 2001. (R)

**9.20 Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day.** (1991) A cyborg is sent back in time to protect the future saviour of the human race from a shape-changing assassin. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton.

**12.05 Film: Fair Game.** (2010) Fact-based thriller, with Naomi Watts. **2.00** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.10** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.40** Sluggterra. **11.05** Inside Hollywood. **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.35** Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) **2.40** Film: The Burning Hills. (1956) **4.35** Film: The Four Feathers. (2002) Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger.

**6.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**7.00 Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second and final Twenty20 fixture at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground.

**8.00 NCIS.** The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and begin selling information about how to rob a warehouse. (R)

**8.55 NCIS.** Gibbs and DiNozzo investigate the case of a retired marine colonel found murdered with an axe, and find the evidence points to his drug-addicted son. (R)

**9.50 5 News Weekend.**  
**10.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, including another chance to see the latest eviction.

**11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.

**12.00 SuperCasino.** **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarn. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarn. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Robin Hood **8.30** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30** Film: Reign of Fire (2001) **11.05** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Precision: The Measure of All Things **8.00** Film: Spy in the Jungle **9.00** Film: Point Blank (2010) **10.20** Definitely Dusty **11.20** Dusty Springfield at the BBC

**ITV2**  
**4.15** The Xtra Factor Rewind **5.15** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **7.05** Film: Small Soldiers (1997) **9.20** The Xtra Factor **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** The X Factor

**ITV3**  
**2.55** Film: Housesitter (1991) **5.00** Inspector Morse **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis. A killer targets a religious group. **11.00** Wire in the Blood

**ITV4**  
**2.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.00** Classic TT 2013 **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Ulster GP Highlights 2013 **9.00** Film: Mortal Kombat: Annihilation (1997) **10.50** Film: Full Metal Jacket (1987)

**E4**  
**3.30** Rules of Engagement **5.55** The Mindy Project **6.25** The Big Bang Theory **7.25** Suburgatory **7.50** How I Met Your Mother **8.50** Happy Endings **9.20** Film: Days of Thunder (1990) **11.25** PhoneShop

**Film4**  
**2.45** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.30** Howl's Moving Castle (2004) **6.50** Grease (1978) Romantic musical, with John Travolta. **9.00** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **10.55** Scary Movie (2000)

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## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 1.09.13

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## CHOICE



David Threlfall

## What Remains

## BBC1, 9pm

During the past few months, viewers have been treated to several top-notch crime dramas, and many critics wondered if What Remains would turn out to be the poor relation, but not a bit of it. Len is now convinced that there's more to Melissa's death than he originally thought, and he's determined to get to the bottom of what happened to her. He finds an unlikely ally in pregnant Vidya, and together they uncover some new information in the loft that suggests somebody isn't being entirely truthful about their relationship to the dead woman.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Helicopter Heroes. **12.40** Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Ultimate Swarms. (R) **3.15** Victoria Wood's Nice Cup of Tea. (R) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Britain's Big Wildlife Revival. **6.35** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**7.00** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Matt Baker explore efforts to clean up south Wales' Gower Peninsula and Adam Henson reveals the threat to livestock from nuisance dogs.

**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit the seaford at Eastbourne, where items include a collection of pottery, a signalling lamp used during D-Day and rare images of Marilyn Monroe. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

**9.00** What Remains. Len has retired but finds himself drawn back into the mystery of Melissa's death. He questions the neighbours with the help of Vidya, and they soon realise someone is lying.

**10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day 2. Highlights from today's Premier League fixtures.

**11.40** That Puppet Game Show. With EastEnders Shane Richie and TV presenter Claudia Winkleman. (R)

**12.20** The Sky at Night. **12.40** Weatherview. **12.45** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.30** Film: Mighty Joe Young. (1949) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Days. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **12.00** Live MotoGP 2.30 Rowing. **4.00** Equestrian. **6.00** Flog It! James Lewis and Kate Bliss value items in Stroud. (R)

**6.30** Iolo's Great Welsh Parks. Iolo Williams explores Dinetwr Park in Carmarthenshire.

**7.00** The Great British Bake Off. The 12 remaining contenders face three bread-making tasks, having to make 36 bread sticks, prepare a batch of English muffins and end with a show-stopping loaf. (R)

**8.00** Dragons' Den. Two Cornubian woodmen employ an unusually combative tactic to win the Dragons' approval, and a Glasgow couple try to gain investment in their yoga franchise.

**9.00** The Story of the Jews. New series. Simon Schama explores the history of the Jewish people, investigating how they have preserved their identity despite war, deportation, enslavement and exile.

**10.00** Blackadder the Third. Edmund tries to find a rich bride for Prince George. (R)

**10.30** Film: Girl with a Pearl Earring. (2003) Period drama, starring Scarlett Johansson.

**12.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.00** Holly City. (R) **2.00** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.05** Bookaboo. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Fish Hooks. **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.15** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.30** Country House. Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Adele in Britain. (R)

**12.30** Film: Columbo: The Conspirators. (1978) **2.30** The X Factor. (R) **3.50** The Chase. (R) **4.50** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas. (2000)

**6.30** Regional Programme; Weather.

**6.45** ITV News: Weather.

**7.00** Coronation Street. Hour-long episode. Karl makes a shock admission to Jason, Fiz tells Sinead that Chesney regrets splitting up with her, and Roy surprises Hayley with a special meal in the cafe.

**8.00** The X Factor. Limited places at boot camp are at stake as the acts who impressed at the first auditions move on to Wembley Arena for their second performances. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

**9.00** Vera. Joined by a new addition to the ranks, Vera and the team investigate the murder of a respected surgeon and the abduction of his two teenage daughters.

**10.55** ITV News: Weather.

**11.10** The Cube. Two more contestants take on the challenge. (R)

**12.05** The Store. **2.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Ironman 2013. **7.30** Outlaw Triathlon. **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999) Comedy, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. **4.25** Location, Location, Location. (R)

**5.30** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. (2009) Comedy, starring Zachary Levi.

**7.10** Channel 4 News.

**7.40** Rebuilding the World Trade Centre. Documentary following artist and filmmaker Marcus Robinson's project to capture the reconstruction of the World Trade Centre using time-lapse photography.

**9.00** Film: The Dilemma. (2011) Premiere. A man realises his best friend's wife is having an affair, but tries to gather proof before revealing all. Comedy drama, with Vince Vaughn, Kevin James and Winona Ryder.

**11.15** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. Sharon Osbourne talks about her X Factor return, Lee Evans and Keeley Hawes chat about their new West End comedy, and Alan meets a few of the stars of Dragons' Den. (R)

**12.15** Film: Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara. (2011) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Abhay Deol. **2.50** Emily's Song. (R) **3.05** Four Rooms. Members of the public try to sell their prized possessions to four art dealers. (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Countdown. (R) **5.40** SuperScrippers.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerets. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R)

**8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Sluggert. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Results. (R)

**12.55** World's Biggest Pets. (R) **1.55** Film: Fly Away Home. (1996) **4.05** Film: Nim's Island. (2008) **9.55** Film: The Pursuit of Happyness. (2006)

**8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

**10.00** Film: The Expendables. (2010) Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone.

**12.00** Film: Blood and Bone. (2009) **1.40** SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildfire SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Film: Race to Witch Mountain (2009) **8.35** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Boom Town **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: Tristan & Isolde **11.50** Imagine: Paul Simon

**ITV2**  
**2.30** Film: Dennis (1993) **4.15** The X Factor **5.40** The Xtra Factor **6.45** Film: Twister (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: The Chronicles of Riddick (2004)

**ITV3**  
**3.50** Murder, She Wrote **4.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: The Wings of the Dove (1997) **11.10** Film: Circle of Friends (1995)

**ITV4**  
**2.25** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **4.45** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Film: Cool Hand Luke (1967) **10.40** Film: Manhunter (1986)

**E4**  
**3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** Film: Footloose (1984) **10.05** The Inbetweeners **10.35** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments

**11.40** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** Film: 4.45 Baby's Day Out (1994) **4.45** Laputa: Castle in the Sky (1986) **7.20** The Wedding Date (2005) Romantic comedy, with Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney. **9.00** 48 Hrs (1982) Comedy thriller, starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy. **10.55** The Onen (2006) Horror remake, starring Liev Schreiber.

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### La Bamba, BBC1, 11.55pm

Musical biopic of 1950s singer Ritchie Valens, whose promising career was cut short by the fatal plane crash in 1959 that also claimed the lives of Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper. The film focuses on Valens' thwarted romance with Donna Ludwig and his rivalry with his older step-brother. Starring Lou Diamond Phillips. (1987)

#### TUESDAY

##### Accused at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A teenage girl becomes prime suspect in the murder of a girl who had been secretly seeing her boyfriend. The accused's mother stands by her and launches an investigation to expose the true culprit, a schoolfriend who committed the crime as part of a twisted revenge plan. Drama, with Cynthia Gibb. (2009)

#### WEDNESDAY

##### The Edge of Love, BBC1, 11.35pm

The renowned poet Dylan Thomas is unexpectedly reunited with his former lover Vera Phillips, both of them having married in the meantime. Passion is soon reignited between the pair, but surprisingly, Vera also forms a very close friendship with Thomas' wife. Fact-based period drama, starring Keira Knightley. (2008)



La Bamba, Monday, BBC1, 11.55pm

#### THURSDAY

##### The Greatest, BBC1, 11.35pm

A grieving mother becomes obsessed with her dead son's last moments, while her unfaithful husband struggles to comfort her and their surviving son feels he can never live up to his brother's reputation. Their lives are complicated further by unwelcome encounters with the dead man's pregnant girlfriend and the driver who killed him. Drama, starring Pierce Brosnan. (2009)

#### FRIDAY

##### The Tempest, BBC2, 11.05pm

A noblewoman with sorcerous powers is banished to a remote island along with her daughter. She uses her abilities to dominate the magical creatures living there and summons a storm that wrecks a ship. When the survivors come ashore, she learns one of them is her brother, who exiled her, and plans revenge. Shakespearean fantasy, starring Helen Mirren. (2010)

#### Fallen, BBC1, 11.05pm

A detective investigates a series of grisly murders that mimic the handiwork of an executed serial killer. The case takes a stranger twist when he realises a bloodthirsty disembodied demon is responsible – and that it can leap from one unsuspecting host to another. Supernatural thriller, starring Denzel Washington, John Goodman and Embeth Davidtz. (1998)

### Pick of the Week

## A nation tunes in to see a new star being born

You can tell when summer is almost over because ITV bombard us with ads for juggernaut talent search The X Factor.

Yes, we know it feels like the last one only finished a few weeks ago; our optic nerves are still recovering from the retina-searing fireworks and pyrotechnics of the 2012 contest.

Amazingly that was last December, and as the year has zipped by faster than Simon Cowell on a jet ski, it's time to face the music once more.

The last series was plagued by stories about falling ratings and Nicole Scherzinger's risqué comments, not to mention the occasional falling-out between the judges, but that's what the show's always been about.

Behind the scenes, Cowell is keen to ensure the show stays in the headlines from now until that pre-Christmas finale.

To be fair, these first few episodes are usually TV gold as we witness more deluded wannabe acts given their shot at the big time, while some turns with genuine talent attempt to overcome their nerves in the hope of winning the nation's hearts.

And it's not always the winners of this show who become the biggest stars. After all, runners-up Olly Murs, One Direction and Union J (shamelessly shoehorned into Kick Ass 2 recently) have all seen their careers go through the roof.

Once more we welcome Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, and original series judges Sharon Osbourne and Louis ('I'm still here!') Walsh.

"Music has to be from the soul, it has to be about learning your craft," enthused Louis a few weeks before TXF's inaugural run.

"I don't want these people to think they can just walk into a television show and become a star. It doesn't happen like that. You have to be good."

Well, good at brightening up a dull Saturday night if nothing else.

After all, Jedward weren't blessed with great singing voices, and they've gone on to carve a lucrative career for themselves. And 2012's breakthrough star Rylan Clark was the first to admit he was no great shakes in the vocals department.

It didn't matter a jot. The audience loved him, and after winning Celebrity Big Brother earlier this year, he went on to host Big Brother's Bit on the Side, and is now favourite to join the cast of I'm A Celebrity... when that returns in a few weeks.

Because of TXF 2012's relatively poor ratings, there have been a few tweaks to this year's format.

It will be shown twice a week with Saturdays initially dedicated to the closed room auditions (like the first five years of the show).

The most impressive acts then perform at Wembley Arena on Sundays in front of thousands.

The perpetually diplomatic Dermot O'Leary is on hand to celebrate with those talented hopefuls who progress through to the next round, and commiserate with the tone-deaf auditionees who are not so fortunate.

Fingers crossed we get more genuine stars, like 2012 contestants Lucy Spraggan, Jahmene Douglas and winner James Arthur.

As Nicole says, it should be "Shamazing!"



The judges pass their opinions in The X Factor, Saturday, ITV, 8pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### Gadget Man

##### Channel 4, 8.30pm

Keen on the star tech: the next generation? Then this is the show for you. Sadly Stephen Fry has moved on, but IT Crowd veteran Richard Ayoade is not a bad choice to fill his shoes. For this new run, he'll be testing all the prototypes and gizmos he can get his hands on, as well as developing his own problem-solving contraptions. For the inaugural show, he and actor Stephen Mangan embark on a luxury camping trip; Richard will be trying out the world's biggest pen knife; sheds light on the latest in virtual reality; tries out a prototype camper van, and demonstrates an amazing straw that enables the user to drink from rivers without being poisoned.

#### Doc Martin

##### ITV, 9pm

Everyone's favourite curmudgeonly medic (brilliantly played by deadpan Martin Clunes) is back for a new run of the picturesque drama, and it looks like marriage is on the cards for the eponymous hero and Louisa. However, there are no shortage of problems, including PC Penhale, who wrongly assumes he is best man, and Louisa, who is running late. Though the Reverend has his doubts as to whether she will turn up, when she does, hearts melt and at last they tie the knot. Like a faulty TV aerial, the reception proves irritating for Martin as swarms of villagers have turned up to celebrate; he thought it was going to be a small wedding. Sadly their honeymoon lodge also proves to be a nightmare.

#### TUESDAY

##### Ade in Adland

##### ITV, 8pm

The first television advert was broadcast in 1955, and since then many of us have been bombarded with clever ads for food and drink. You'll get to see some of them in this show as Adrian Edmondson reveals how TV commercials over the past seven decades have reflected the ways in which Britain has evolved. We see how the late 1960s saw an increasing number of ads aimed at women as alternatives to beer and wine grew in popularity, while microwave-ready meals changed the eating habits of many. And for fans of the medium, yes, we will get to see those beloved Cinzano ads with Leonard Rossiter and Joan Collins, as well as the rib-tickling Smash Martians commercials.

#### Trauma: Level One

##### ITV, 9pm

If there's one thing we can't get enough of – according to telly bosses at least – it's reality shows set in hospitals. So this new two-partner may not offer too many surprises to those of us who have caught the veritable litany of similar series, but Trauma: Level One does have a few things going for it – and not just a snappy title. The setting – University Hospital Southampton's major trauma centre – is one of only 12 such units in the country, and

features the most critical patients receiving only the best care. Cases in the opener include a 24-year-old man injured in a mini-bus crash on the M4, and a 14-year-old boy hurt in a road accident.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Whitechapel

##### ITV, 9pm

The latest run of the hit series contains three separate stories that run across two episodes each – so six instalments in total. The middle one has been penned by Steve Pemberton, who also plays Buchan in the show, while the other two are by the show's creators, Ben Court and Caroline Ip. The first case begins with the discovery of a man crushed to death by stones – but his demise is just the first of several bizarre murders that seem to be linked to a 16th-century incident involving witchcraft. Has somebody embarked on a real-life witch-hunt, and if so, why? And what are its links to 20th-century spies? Rupert Penry-Jones stars.

#### THURSDAY

##### Educating Yorkshire

##### Channel 4, 9pm

So, what do we know about Dewsbury? It's in West Yorkshire and

lies south of Leeds. It's also the setting for this new, eight-part series which follows life at the local Thornhill Community Academy. Headteacher Johnny Mitchell was born and raised in the area, and he's determined to make sure the recent upturn in exam results continues – his main ambition is to give every pupil the best chance to maximise their potential, both in terms of academic success, and as upstanding members of the community. Expect warmth, humour and universally recognisable themes of teenage life and pupil-teacher relationships in what promises to be a fascinating and, at times, eye-opening docusoap.

#### FRIDAY

##### World Cup Qualifying Live

##### ITV, 7.30pm

England look to take another step along the road to next year's World Cup in Brazil, as they welcome Moldova to Wembley Stadium, for what should prove to be a straightforward evening. While Roy Hodgson's men have hardly impressed during this campaign, the gulf in class between the Three Lions and their opponents is enormous, as highlighted by the 5-0 victory in the reverse fixture, which, arguably, could have seen England into double figures, had they been more clinical in front of goal. This is the seventh qualifier under Hodgson and he remains unbeaten, but the three wins and three draws have given little indication of improvement since the tenure of Fabio Capello, and participation at the finals is far from certain, with Poland, Ukraine and Montenegro all still in with a shout.

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Nasturtiums are also being grown in containers as their use as a peppery addition to salad leaves is more appreciated.

### Chelsea

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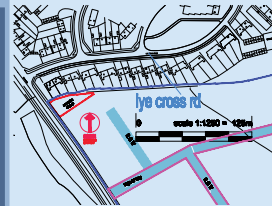
Thursday 12th September 2013

To be held at... Aston Villa Football Club from 11.00am

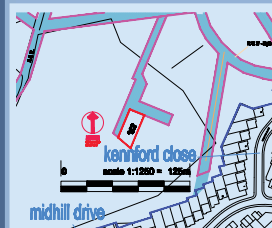
64 Lots to include:

Lot No.	Address	Time	Guide Price	33	408 MOSLEY ROAD, BRIMMINGHAM, B12 9AT	Commercial Investment	£75,000 - £90,000
1	138 COLLIS STREET, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS DY10 4EE	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£26,000 - £29,000	34	224 WEDNESBURY ROAD AND 2 PRINCE STREET, WALSALL WS2 8DN	Freehold Commercial Investment	£30,000 - £50,000
2	42 GOSWELL LANE, EDNASTON, BRIMMINGHAM, B23 6PA	Freehold Residential Investment	£55,000 - £59,000	35	5 OXFORD ROAD, MOSLEY, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 9BJ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£300,000 - £320,000
3	FLAT 1, WILLOW COURT, COPPICE ROAD, MOSLEY, BRIMMINGHAM B15 9DP	Leasehold/Vacant Residential	£25,000 - £28,000	36	UNIT 2, 2A WESTING LANE, BRIDLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS DY5 3LB	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£50,000 - £54,000
4	FLAT 18 TRAFALGAR COURT, TIVIDALE, OLDURBY, WEST MIDLANDS B89 2DP	Leasehold Residential Investment	£20,000 - £25,000	37	30 CAROLINE STREET, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 7DY	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£60,000 - £66,000
5	43 BRIDGERS ROAD, TRENCH, Telford, SHROPSHIRE TF2 7LP	Freehold Commercial Investment	£75,000 - PLUS	38	ALL FABRICATIONS LIMITED, LODGEFIELD ROAD, WALSOWEN, WEST MDS B62 8AR	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£180,000 - £195,000
6	3 HIGH STREET, MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE TF9 1PP	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£50,000 - PLUS	39	48 ST. MARKS CHURCH, BRIMMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B1 2PH	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£30,000 - £34,000
7	1102 CONVENTRY ROAD, WOLLEY B25 8DA	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£40,000 - £46,000	40	FLAT 10, 1 EDWARDS COURT, WANDERSHOP WOOD ROAD, WANDERSHOP, L.HAM B20 2PZ	Leasehold/Vacant Residential	£50,000 - £52,000
8	145 WINDSOR AVENUE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV4 4BJ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£104,000 - £112,000	41	PROXIMATE ROADSIDE SITE, 50 OLDURBY ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MDS B66 1UE	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£100,000 - PLUS
9	10 BARTON ROAD, WILLOWHALL, WEST MIDLANDS WV12 3AZ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£92,000 - £98,000	42	44A HIGH STREET, OLDURBY, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV1 2PH	Freehold Development Land	£400,000 - PLUS (+ VAT)
10	45 OCCUPATION STREET, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 2R	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£50,000 - £55,000	43	LAND ADJ FORMER QUARRY SITE, PORTWAY HILL, TIVIDALE, OLDURBY	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£180,000 - £175,000
11	24 CHELSEA STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV1 7DL	Freehold Residential Investment	£70,000 - £77,000	44	PROXIMATE ROADSIDE SITE, 50 OLDURBY ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MDS B66 1UE	Freehold/Vacant Land	£30,000 - PLUS
12	18 WELLESLEY GARDENS, MOSLEY, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 9VZ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£98,000 - £106,000	45	PROXIMATE ROADSIDE SITE, 50 OLDURBY ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MDS B66 1UE	Freehold/Vacant Land	£30,000 - PLUS
13	LAND OFF KENNIFORD CLOSE, SANDWELL	Freehold/Vacant Land	£2,000 - PLUS	46	22 HARFORD CLOSE, ABBEYDALE, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE B98 8JG	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£42,000 - £46,000
14	4 NEWBURY COURT, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 2DT	Leasehold/Vacant Residential	£40,000 - £45,000	47	285 - 285 HIGH STREET, WEST BROMWICH, WEST MIDLANDS B70 8ND	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£275,000 - £300,000
15	159 SONNET ROAD, WANDERSHOP WOOD, BRIMMINGHAM, B23 6PF	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£100,000 - £110,000	48	58 WEDNESBURY STREET, WEST WOLVERHAMPTON, WV2 9JU	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£50,000 - £54,000
16	82 DUDLEY ROAD, OLDURBY, WEST MIDLANDS B69 3DW	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£58,000 - £74,000	49	585 CONVENTRY ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 0LP	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£140,000 - £150,000
17	7 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, BURNWOOD, WALSALL WS2 2ET	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£30,000 - £37,000	50	12 SPRING ROAD, EDGEMOND, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 2HG	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£140,000 - £150,000
18	75 COLLEGE STREET, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WEST MIDLANDS B27 1SH	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£180,000 - £190,000	51	LAND LOCATED OFF SPANBERRY LANE, WILLEHALL	Freehold/Vacant Land with Potential	£10,000 - PLUS
19	LAND ADJACENT 25A LUTHERAN ROAD, BRIMMINGHAM B15 2L	Freehold Development Land	£195,000 - £180,000	52	235 HOSPITAL ROAD, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 2PF	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£200,000 - £100,000
20	428 CHESTER ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WEST MIDLANDS B75 5BS	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£110,000 - £120,000	53	LAND ADJACENT 60A BRISTOL ROAD, SUTTON, NORTHFIELD, BRIMMINGHAM, B31 2UR	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£90,000 - £95,000
21	32 THE PARK, WIDELL, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE B97 6PF	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£110,000 - £110,000	54	1401 PERSHORE ROAD, STROCKLEY, BRIMMINGHAM, B35 2LR	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£90,000 - £97,000
22	407 HAZEL HILL ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS B66 4AG	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£130,000 - £150,000	55	1270-1272 PERSHORE ROAD, STROCKLEY, BRIMMINGHAM, B35 2XU	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£135,000 - £150,000
23	65 PERRY VILLA DRIVE, BRIMMINGHAM, B42 2LS	Leasehold/Vacant Residential	£58,000 - £64,000	56	10-11 BRIDGE STREET, KEEFER, WVA 8PF	Freehold/Vacant Commercial Investment	£74,000 - £70,000
24	10 BLUESHED LANE, WALSLEY, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WEST MIDLANDS B76 2DB	Freehold Residential Investment	£100,000 - PLUS	57	92-94 HIGH STREET, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 1DP	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£90,000 - £96,000
25	12 THE COPPICE, WANDERSHOP WOOD, BRIMMINGHAM, B23 6AQ	Freehold Residential Investment	£145,000 - £155,000	58	93, 94, 94A HIGH STREET, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 1DP	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£180,000 - £200,000
26	159 SONNET ROAD, WANDERSHOP WOOD, BRIMMINGHAM, B23 6PF	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£50,000 - PLUS	59	69-71A WEDNESBURY STREET, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WEST MIDLANDS B75 5BY	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£42,000 - £46,000
27	129 HAZELWOOD COURT, HAZELWOOD, WALSLEY, WEST MIDLANDS B75 3JN	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£30,000 - £35,000	60	100 REMINGTON ROAD, WALSLEY, WS2 2BE	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£150,000 - £155,000
28	UNIT 14B WHEATSTRA, FACTORY ROAD, BRIMMINGHAM, B15 5JJ	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£300,000 - £375,000 - 10%	61	LAND TO BEAR 25A SPANBERRY LANE, WILLEHALL, BRIMMINGHAM, B35 2BE	Freehold/Vacant Land with Potential	£70,000 - £77,000
29	THE RINGING GATE, ALLEN, HIGH STREET, WANDERSHOP, WVA 8PF	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£235,000 - £250,000	62	28 PARADISE ROAD, ALLEN, BRIMMINGHAM, B35 3HS	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£90,000 - £104,000
30	THE HORNBY CENTRE, PAPER MILL ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BRIMMINGHAM, B44 8BH	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£220,000 - £240,000	63	16 ASHLEY GROVE, PERRY BAR, BRIMMINGHAM, B20 3JN	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£35,000 - £38,000
31	HOLLIES COTTAGE, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, SHARPSHILL, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 7JU	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£190,000 - PLUS	64	90 DORSET ROAD, BRIMMINGHAM, B42 1DT		
32	2 & 2A SMITH LANE, WILTON, STAFFORD, ST10 0PP						

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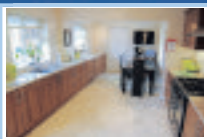


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**269 NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY** £245,000  
● Spacious family home  
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● Well proportioned accommodation  
● Breakfast kitchen, conservatory  
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**NEW**  
**6 TANGLEWOOD GROVE, COSELEY** £229,950  
● Altered and improved detached accommodation  
● Three bedrooms, fourth bedroom converted into a dressing room  
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**NEW**  
**72 THORNLEIGH, LOWER GORNAL** £219,950  
● Well presented & improved detached house  
● Four bedrooms with en-suite shower room  
● Through living room & dining area  
● Dining room/conservatory  
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**NEW**  
**30 CASWELL ROAD, SEDGLEY** £215,000  
● Flexible three bedroom accommodation  
● Sought after locality  
● Gas central heating & majority double glazing  
● Ample parking & private rear garden  
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**REDUCED**  
**34 WOODCROFT AVE, TIPTON** £195,000  
● Traditional detached house of character  
● Well proportioned three bedroom accommodation  
● Majority double glazing & gas central heating  
● Two reception rooms, enlarged kitchen  
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**NEW**  
**16 WESTCROFT ROAD, COSELEY** £197,950  
● Well presented & improved link detached house  
● Extended three bedroom accommodation  
● Extended kitchen, conservatory  
● South facing rear garden  
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**NEW**  
**23 WRENS AVENUE, TIPTON** £185,000  
● Spacious traditional style semi detached house  
● Extended to the right hand side and rear  
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● Ample off street parking & level rear garden  
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**NEW**  
**CRADLEY HEATH** LAND ADJOINING PARK LANE CHAPEL O/A £175,000  
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**NEW**  
**4 ROCKLEY ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS** £159,950  
● Well presented & improved house  
● Three bedrooms  
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**NEW**  
**9 CROWN CLOSE, SEDGLEY** £144,950  
● End town house with three bedrooms  
● Well maintained & improved  
● Spacious accommodation  
● Attractive rear garden  
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**NEW**  
**37 CAMPBELL STREET, BRIERLEY HILL** £124,950  
● New build detached house  
● Two bedrooms  
● Well proportioned accommodation  
● High level of specification  
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**REDUCED**  
**76 BRADLEYS LANE, COUSELEY** O/A £115,000  
● Traditional semi detached  
● Three bedrooms  
● Extended lounge & kitchen  
● Ideal for first time buyers  
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**REDUCED**  
**48 IVYHOUSE LANE, COUSELEY** £114,950  
● Detached bungalow with two bedrooms  
● Dining kitchen, shower room  
● In need of updating  
● Good sized garden plot  
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**REDUCED**  
**404 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD EAST, WOLVERHAMPTON** £109,995  
● Semi detached house  
● Three bedrooms  
● Upgrading works required  
● Garage at rear  
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### 109 Lots To Include Properties On Behalf Of



<b>Lot 1</b> 116 - 118 Dreggorn Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 37</b> 56 Tame Road, Witton, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 74</b> 36 Port Street, Evesham, Worcestershire	Commercial Investment
<b>Lot 2</b> 34 Canterbury Road, Penn, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 38</b> 20 Madin Road, Tipton, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 75</b> 405 Chester Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 3</b> 264 All Saints Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 39</b> The Crown, East End, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire	NOT BEING OFFERED Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 76</b> 61 Mason Road, Erdington, Birmingham	NOT BEING OFFERED Commercial Vacant
<b>Lot 4</b> 297 Queslett Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 40</b> 64 Etruria Vale Road, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 77</b> 164 Hawthorn Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 5</b> Vew Tree Bar, Stone Lane, Yardley, Birmingham	NOT BEING OFFERED Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 41</b> 140 Sandon Road, Stafford	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 78</b> Flat 8 Queenswood House, Brandwood Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 6</b> 193 Gibbins Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 42</b> Fox & Hounds, Banbury Road, Charwelton, Daventry	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 79</b> The Kings Head Inn, 15 Mill Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Investment
<b>Lot 7</b> Fairway House, 195 St Bernards Road, Solihull	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 43</b> 17A Delphside, Broseley, Telford	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 80</b> 33 Kenelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 8</b> 24 Market Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire	Commercial Investment	<b>Lot 44</b> 49 Rooker Avenue, Wolverhampton	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 81</b> St Andrews Church, Darlaston Road, Wednesbury	Commercial Vacant
<b>Lot 9</b> Mary Way Cottage, 6 St Marys Lane, Much Wenlock, Shropshire	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 45</b> 197 Lowe Avenue, Darlaston, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 82</b> 652 Pershore Road, Selly Park, Birmingham	Residential Investment
<b>Lot 10</b> The Red Hill Tavern, Coventry Road, Yardley, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 46</b> Dudley Road Service Station, 367 Dudley Road, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 83</b> 19 Hereward Rise, Halesowen, West Midlands	Commercial Investment
<b>Lot 11</b> Land at King Charles Avenue, Walsall	Land	<b>Lot 47</b> 13 Green Road, Dudley	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 84</b> Units 5, 6 & 7 Cheston Industrial Estate, Cheston Road	Commercial Investment
<b>Lot 12</b> Land at Wilkes Avenue, Walsall	Land	<b>Lot 48</b> Various Plots - Luton & Redhill	Land	Nechells, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
<b>Lot 13</b> 5 Wolverton Road, Snitterfield, Stratford-upon-Avon	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 49</b> The Phoenix, 45 St Johns Street, Bedford	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 85</b> 3 Birmingham Street, Dudley	Commercial Vacant / Development / Redevelopment Opportunity
<b>Lot 14</b> 22 Orslow Walk, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 50</b> White Lodge, 64 Albert Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 86</b> 7 Tranwell Close, Pendeford, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 15</b> 65 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 51</b> 6 Milford Avenue, Balsall Heath, Birmingham	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 87</b> 310 Tessall Lane, Northfield, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
<b>Lot 16</b> 67 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 52</b> Land at Ashes Road, Tipton, Oldbury	Land	<b>Lot 88</b> 89 Holly Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 17</b> 32 Penryn Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 53</b> 28 Middleton Road, Kidderminster	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 89</b> 207 Aldershaw Road, Yardley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 18</b> 12 St Kilda's Road, Salfley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 54</b> 22 Highgate Square, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 90</b> 478 Kingsbury Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Investment
<b>Lot 18A</b> 6 The Triangle, Bacchus Road, Winson Green, Birmingham	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 55</b> 49 Brierley, Beconview Road, West Bromwich	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 91</b> 29 Belle Walk, Moseley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 19</b> 36 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 56</b> 134 Camberley, Beconview Road, West Bromwich	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 92</b> 43 Parkfield Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 20</b> The Royal Oak, Bridgford, Carlton, Nr Bedford	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 57</b> Oxford Villas, 106 Westminster Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 93</b> 40 Rivendell Court, 1051 Stratford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 21</b> 140 Gramercy Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 58</b> 182 Maryland Avenue, Hodge Hill, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 94</b> Ariba, 98A Robert Street, Dudley	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 22</b> The Foresters Arms, 3 Wolverton Road, Stoney Stratford, Milton Keynes	NOT BEING OFFERED Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 59</b> 202 Coleman Street, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton	Land	<b>Lot 95</b> 15 Endwood Court, Handsworth Wood Road, Handsworth Wood	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 23</b> The Crown Inn, Main Street, Tingemong, Bucks	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 60</b> 8 Nevill Grove, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 96</b> 28 Cross Street, Willenhall	Commercial Vacant
<b>Lot 24</b> 69 Wimpers Way, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Investment	<b>Lot 61</b> 169 Cole Valley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 97</b> 14A, B, C & D Upper Lichfield Street, Willenhall	Residential Investment
<b>Lot 25</b> Land of Former Nursery & Adj. Land off Rowley View / Margaret Road / Holyhead Road, Moxley	Land	<b>Lot 62</b> 62 Fowlmere Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 98</b> Land R/o 36 - 38 Market Street, Hendonford	Land
<b>Lot 26</b> 9 Pinfold Street, Darlaston, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 63</b> 1 Knowle Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 99</b> 71 York Crescent, Wollaston, Stourbridge	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 27</b> The Beer Engine, 35 Far Gosford Street, Coventry	SOLD PRIOR Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 64</b> 162 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	SOLD PRIOR Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 100</b> 33 Marsh Lane, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 28</b> Saracens Head, Tamworth Road, Corley Ash, Coventry	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 65</b> 249 Mary Vale Road, Bourville, Birmingham	Commercial Investment	<b>Lot 101</b> 27 Phillip Road, Tipton, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 29</b> Land at Berkeley Close, Walsall	Land	<b>Lot 66</b> 6 Beaconsfield Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 102</b> 150 Taylor Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 30</b> Land at Churchill Road, Walsall	Land	<b>Lot 67</b> 259 Colehill Heath Road, Marston Green, Birmingham	Development / Redevelopment Opportunity	<b>Lot 103</b> 94 Merville Road, Smethwick, West Midlands	Ground Rent
<b>Lot 31</b> The Tavern, 33 Greengate Road, Stafford	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 68</b> Land at Hospital Lane, Wolverhampton	Land	<b>Lot 104</b> 122 Malcom Court, Lower Vauxhall Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 32</b> The Red Lion, Billington Lane, Derrington, Stafford	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 69</b> 131 Senneleys Park Road, Northfield, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 105</b> 44 Gramercy Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 33</b> 77 Highfield Road, Tipton, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 70</b> Pelsall Stop, Adj. Friar Bridge, Pelsall, Walsall	Land	<b>Lot 106</b> 27 Larches Lane, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 34</b> 13 Highnam Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire	Land	<b>Lot 71</b> 15 Ormsby Court, 9 Richmond Hill Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	<b>Lot 107</b> 49A Ward Street, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 35</b> 2 Dorrington Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 72</b> 217 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	<b>Lot 108</b> 50 Willes Road, Winson Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
<b>Lot 36</b> Land at Gunthorpe, Nottinghamshire	Agricultural Land	<b>Lot 73</b> 177 Church Hill Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant		



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### THE BROADWAY

EPC Rating C•Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Refitted House Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Block Paved Driveway•No Chain

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## SEDGLEY



### LARKWOOD ROAD

•EPC D•Three Bedroom Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Games Room/Study•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Rear Garden•Driveway

£225,000

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## UPPER GORNAL



### VICARAGE ROAD

•EPC Rating C•An Improved Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Study•Utility Room•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

£129,950

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## TIVIDALE



### KINGS AVENUE

•EPC Rating D•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Extended Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Drive

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## COSELEY



### GOUGH ROAD

•EPC Rating Awaited•A Considerably Improved Three Bedroom Property•Dining Room•Lounge•Refitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Refitted Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway Parking•Viewing Recommended

£154,950

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## OAKHAM



### DINGLE CLOSE

•A Much Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Four Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room•Extended Bathroom, Study, Kitchen & Ground Floor Cloakroom•Garage•No Chain

£120,000

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### RUSSELLS HALL ROAD

•EPC Rating Awaited•Two Bedrooms & Attic Bedroom Three•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway•Rear Garden

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### CLAUGHTON ROAD

•EPC Rating D•A Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property•Bedroom Four Leads From Bedroom Three•Two Reception Rooms•Breakfast Room•Kitchen•No Chain

£120,000

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## TIVIDALE



### HILLBANK

EPC Rating D•An Improved Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen Diner•Refitted Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive•Garage

£139,950

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## ROWLEY REGIS



### BLACKBERRY LANE

EPC Rating E•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen Area•Extended Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Extensive Rear Garden•Car Port

£124,950

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## NETHERTON



### ROUND STREET

•EPC RATING E•An Improved End Terraced•Two Double Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Refitted Kitchen Having Integrated Appliances•Ground Floor Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No Chain

£495 pcm

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### ABBOTSFORD DRIVE

•EPC D•A Four Bedroom Detached Bungalow•Lounge/Diner•Fitted Kitchen•Rare Opportunity To Let•Large Garage•Corner Plot

£750 pcm

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EPC Rating D•A Two Bedroom Apartment•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom•Allocated Parking•Electric Heating•Double Glazing

£445 pcm

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### Clarence Street

•Two Bedroom Property •Lounge/Diner •Fitted Kitchen •Family Bathroom •Close to Town Centre •EPC Rating E

£400 pcm

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### HILARY CRESCENT

•EPC Rating E•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Ground Floor Toilet & Utility Room•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Drive•Available 06/09/2013

£595 pcm

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## LOWER GORNAL



### BROOKDALE

•EPC Rating C•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen Having Integrated Hob & Oven•Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Contemporary Decorated

£575 pcm

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### IVANHOE STREET

•EPC Rating Awaited•An Improved Mid Terraced Property•Two Bedrooms•First Floor Bathroom•Gas Central Heating•Double Glazing•DSS Considered

£450 pcm

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## BRIERLEY HILL



### BROCKLEY CLOSE

•EPC Rating C•A Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Bathroom•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Block Paved Drive

£525 pcm

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Enjoying a very pleasant corner position upon this extremely sought after modern development, this VERY DISTINCTIVE AND MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS DAVID PAYNE DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by a DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear and offers BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Ground Floor WC, incredibly spacious Lounge with bay window, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, Utility Room, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (Master with EN-SUITE) House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With pleasantly laid out fore garden, ATTRACTIVE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN and REAR DRIVEWAY situated directly in front of the garage. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£289,950****KINGSWINFORD****Kingsley Road**

Superbly located within one of Kingswinford's most sought after addresses, convenient for highly regarded schooling, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprises: Reception Hall, extended rear incredibly spacious Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, extended and BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with APPLIANCES, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, attractively refitted Bathroom, SUPERB ATTIC (with stairs off Landing); GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY to the fore with side approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a good sized and attractively laid out rear garden which benefits from a private rear aspect. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£214,950****KINGSWINFORD****Hinsford Close**

Forming part of this highly sought after modern cul-de-sac development, this DISTINCTIVELY STYLED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor WC, spacious attractive Lounge, Dining/Study Area, DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, attractively appointed Kitchen, Playroom/Office, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, well appointed classic white Bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Situated within a small private driveway with low maintenance pebbled fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE/STORE (8.5 x 8.2) and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE LEVEL REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£189,950****SEDGLEY****Queens Road**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, EXTENDED, traditional interwar semi detached of character that has been "transformed" by vendors in recent years. Most conveniently situated in favoured "tree lined" road, the accommodation includes: reception hall, elegant sitting room with bay, pantry, dining room, extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, utility, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom. Garage, block paved parking, sheltered/secured good sized rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950****KINGSWINFORD****Broad Street**

Superbly located just a short level walk from the heart of Kingswinford and forming part of Kingswinford's much sought after old quarter, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Large Reception Hall, spacious lounge, attractively refitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY and GARAGE to the fore and having a VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN which enjoys a private rear aspect. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£154,950****QUARRY BANK****Wychbury Road**

This IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is situated in an ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL LOCATION, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: enlarged entrance hall, lounge, EXTENDED dining room, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£139,950****BRIERLEY HILL/AMBLECOTE****Vicarage Close**

Enjoying a great position tucked away in this quiet and now established close, this REALLY VERY WELL APPOINTED, MODERN, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME presents a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Hall area, Thoughtfully Planned Kitchen, Pleasant Sitting Room, SUPERB CONSERVATORY, Two Bedrooms and Delightful Bathroom. Drive Parking and Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

**£127,950****SEDGLEY****Whites Drive**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! Enviously situated in favoured "backwater" within minutes walking distance of OPEN FIELDS, and day-to-day shopping amenities; a traditional, interwar, three bedroom semi detached with potential upon wide plot. The gas centrally heated, part double glazed accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, good sized garden. PERSONAL INSPECTION IMPERATIVE for full appreciation. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £127,500****NETHERTON****Round Street**

This DOUBLE GLAZED (vast majority of units being uPVC), GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW occupies a corner plot, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious lounge, kitchen, two good bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and gardens to side and rear. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£124,950****KINGSWINFORD****Penzer Street**

Forming part of this extremely sought after address, superbly located just a short walk from the heart of Kingswinford, this IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE offers WELL MAINTAINED accommodation which requires some updating and comprises: Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, Kitchen, ground floor Bathroom, TWO SUPERB SIZED DOUBLE BEDROOMS; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With small pebbled low maintenance fore garden, DRIVEWAY and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE PRIVATE & SUNNY REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£119,950****NETHERTON****Cradley Park Road**

This beautifully presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM End Townhouse is pleasantly situated in an established location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Front / Rear Gardens and allocated Parking. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£114,950****BROCKMOOR****High Street**

Enjoying a position within this established address, this REALLY QUITE SURPRISING, WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM HOME affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING, to briefly comprise: Pleasant sitting room, separate dining room/additional sitting room, lovely kitchen, shower room, two first floor bedrooms. Deceptive frontage and enclosed rear patio area. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£79,950****WORDSLEY****Bracken Park Gardens**

This MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM FLAT forms part of this very popular development, set within lawns and trees just off Briarley Hill Road and offering VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, comprising: ground floor Foyer, second floor Hall and private door to Reception Hall, DELIGHTFUL LARGE LOUNGE, fitted Kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, light coloured Bathroom; ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With fully maintained lawned gardens and grounds with block-paved drive providing an ALLOCATED RESIDENT PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£79,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Cooper Avenue**

This traditional style, majority uPVC Double Glazed, TWO BEDROOM Semi Detached property would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Good Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£79,950****WORDSLEY****Kinver Street**

Bridge Court forms a small and very distinctive development within a very popular address, creating an excellent setting for this BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, RE-APPOINTED AND SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR FLAT which includes: Private ground floor entrance, Inner Hall, spacious Lounge, refitted Kitchen, EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOM, refitted Bathroom with shower and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Broad central archway leads to the RESIDENT/VISITOR CAR PARKING and WELL MAINTAINED COMMUNAL LAWNS with DRYING AREA. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£77,500****LOWER GORNAL****The Straits****NEW PRICE**

An imposing, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED & exceptionally SPACIOUS, gas centrally & primarily uPVC double glazed detached family residence in favoured, particularly convenient neighbourhood. Elegant accommodation includes entrance porch, impressive reception hall, cloaks, fitted cloakroom, sitting room, study, refitted through dining kitchen (previous separate rooms), utility room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, central landing & FIVE BEDROOMS (principal room with bathroom en suite), house bathroom, garage & a garden room, delightful secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £297,500, NOW £284,950****LOWER GORNAL****Straits Green**

An absolutely outstanding, particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached enviously situated in favoured backwater within walking distance of country park/schools/village centre. Presented in exemplary order throughout, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom & further cloak cupboard, elegant lounge, dining room with French doors out to the garden, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances. Three double bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units & reapointed shower room en suite with white/chrome fittings), reapointed bathroom with white suite incorporating 'whirlpool' bath & chrome details. Large garage with utility/workroom beyond, neat/secured rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £239,950****SEDGLEY****Cotwall End Road**

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviously situated within walking distance of country park, well regarded schools & so many other amenities & comprising receptional hall, store, dining room with bay, sitting room with 'living flame' feature fire & patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with various integrated units, separate breakfast room, fitted cloakroom & a laundry cupboard. Three bedrooms (all with fitted units), shower room (former bathroom) & an additional reapointed shower room with stylish white suite. Shortened former garage used as substantial store, block paved driveway. Delightful secluded well tended rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £218,000**



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**6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****COSELEY****Seagull Bay Drive**

This beautifully presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom detached family home is situated on this now established development and well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, guest w.c., three good bedrooms with en suite to master, family bathroom, garage, concrete print driveway & a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,950

**CRADLEY HEATH****SPINNERS END DRIVE**

A beautifully presented two bedroomed link detached bungalow set in a secluded location and offering accommodation to include: Hall, lounge with feature fireplace and dining area, attractive fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, garage and low maintenance rear garden. Gas radiator heating and double glazing. EPC Rating C. HALESOWEN OFFICE

Offers Around £175,000

**LOWER GORNAL****Humphrey Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of "light beech" units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

**DUDLEY****Abbotsford Drive**

A distinctive, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS detached residence of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Designed by an architect for his own occupation in the early 1960's incorporating many period features typical of the era, the flexible accommodation provides entrance vestibule, imposing 'full height' reception hall, 20ft lounge, 20ft bedroom one (alternative reception room), breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer vestibule, spacious bathroom. Open tread staircase to landing with two further bedrooms, separate toilet. Significant loft space beyond with further potential. Large garage with automated door, extensive gardens. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,950

**GORNAL WOOD****Windsor Close**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Conveniently situated in short cul-de-sac just off Guys Lane; an EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed Link detached that has been conscientiously maintained & enhanced over the years, but offering further potential. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, inner hallway, cottage style lounge, extended 17'3" dining room with patio doors, tiled kitchen. Three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes, and third with extensive bookshelves), reappointed/re-tiled shower room. Lengthy 21'3" garage (with automated door) incorporating storage section, tiled utility room, and separate toilet beyond). Neat garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £161,950

**DUDLEY****Donnington Court, 'Capitol Heights'**

An attractive, exceptionally stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate townhouse presented in exemplary order throughout with magnificent views and covered by balance of NHBC guarantee. Stunning flexible accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, study (occasional bedroom 47), dining kitchen with a 'high fashion range' of gloss red units with various integrated appliances & double French doors out to the garden. To the first floor is the lounge, bedroom & bathroom & to the second floor two further bedrooms (one en suite). Block paved parking, neat rear garden. EPC Rating B. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,500

**TIPTON****Benbeck Grove (Off Sedgley Road)**

A realistically priced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with potential requiring some sympathetic updating set in short/quiet cul-de-sac just off Sedgley Road. The accommodation provides: entrance hallway, through living room (with patio doors), dining room, kitchen, store, garden room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, and additional 7'3" width access to the garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

**DUDLEY****Burton Road**

An ENLARGED, tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with very flexible room arrangements. Accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, granny/teenager room (with toilet/handbasin en suite), lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, pantry, large utility/laundry room. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Parking to front, rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950

**COSELEY****Avenue Road**

This traditional style, considerably enlarged, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is beautifully presented throughout, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The much improved property briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, fabulous extended open plan kitchen/dining/family room, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Block paved driveway, and a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,950

**NETHERTON****LOVELY CONSERVATORY****Amphletts Close**

Enjoying a lovely position within this now established close, this VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, MEWS STYLED HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to briefly comprise: Attractive Sitting Room, Combined Dining Kitchen, CONSERVATORY, Three First Floor Bedrooms (Master with ENSUITE) and Principal Bathroom. Block Paved Drive, Garage and Easily Manageable Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£129,950

**PENSNETT/LOWER GORNAL BORDERS****Hunts Mill Drive**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, two (but designed to be three) bedroom semi detached in need of improvement works but offering tremendous potential. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, 16'7" reception hall, kitchen, extended 22'9" living/dining room (with patio doors). Two large double bedrooms (possibilities of sub-dividing the larger bedroom), bathroom. Garage, lengthy sheltered/secluded rear garden abutting on to trees, open aspect to front. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,750

**DUDLEY WOOD****SPLENDID KITCHEN****Dalvine Road**

Having undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Mid Townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, splendid refitted Dining Kitchen with a fine range of units, Utility, Three good Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with white suite, driveway and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£124,950

**LOWER GORNAL****New development at Ellowes Road**

A development of 5 - stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed "starter homes" (covered by architect's certificate) nearing completion in popular established neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Finished to a fine specification, the accommodation provides: traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom with a white suite, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven, hob, extractor, fridge/freezer, lounge. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & shower, ample parking to front & turf/fenced rear garden. EPC Rating B. Further details, plans, etc. with Agents Sedgley Office (01902 880888)

O/A £120,000 PER PLOT to include carpets

**LOWER GORNAL****Elan Close**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A stylish, exceptionally well presented, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED with potential GARAGE SPACE (7'8" DRIVEWAY WIDTH) set in short cul-de-sac convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, reappointed cloakroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, various storage cupboards, refitted kitchen with 'light oak' effect units, three bedrooms, bathroom, delightful garden with side driveway. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,500

**CRADLEY HEATH****NORWOOD AVENUE**

!! NO UPWARD CHAIN !! Three bedroomed End Of Terrace house in an established area requiring some up grading having double glazing and gas central heating to the majority. Comprising : Entrance Hall, living room, Diner Kitchen, Vestibule having toilet and storage off, 1st Floor Landing, THREE bedrooms, Refitted Wetroom, GOOD SIZED rear garden. EPC Rating C. Viewing Halesowen Office.

Offers Around £105,000

**SEDGLEY****Bath Street**

A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & mostly uPVC double glazed three bedroom semi detached that has been modernised in the past but offers further potential. Conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities & The Beacon open space, the property includes reception hall, lounge, transverse 17'10" dining kitchen, lobby, THREE BEDROOMS, tiled bathroom, garden & rare advantage of block paved OFF ROAD PARKING (kerb dropped). EPC Rating: D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £97,500

**HOLLY HALL****VIEW****Hallchurch Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, Two Bedroom Semi Detached home provides well proportioned living space, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, and a pleasant Rear Garden. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£94,995

**BRIERLEY HILL****CONSERVATORY****Eastern Avenue**

This well presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, three Bedroom, end Terrace may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen, splendid Conservatory addition, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Block Paved Frontage and a good size Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950

**COSELEY****Caddick Street**

This well presented, gas centrally heated, three bedroom THIRD FLOOR FLAT that may particularly appeal to first time buyers, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property stands in communal grounds and briefly comprises: secure entrance, welcoming hall, stylish lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, and bathroom with a white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

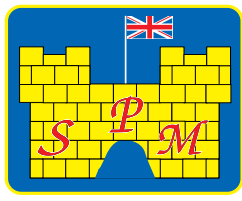
Offers in the region of £77,950

**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. 50% SHARE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, uPVC double glazed Ground Floor Apartment having a slightly larger design than others on the development, and representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present owners 50% share is available for sale. 'Entry phone' style security system to entrance lobby (front & rear) with the apartment comprising: central reception hall, 18 ft through living room with patio doors, and a well equipped kitchen section having a range of 'stylish' 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and a shower room en suite), bathroom with a white suite, Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**QUARRY BANK**

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# Time to get your motor running for tour holiday

**Rob Davis of Apley, Telford gives his verdict on motorcycle touring – the ultimate freedom**

OK, so it's a motorcycle. It's heavy, you can't carry a great deal of kit and equipment and most of that is essential anyway.

There's the threat of adverse weather making driving conditions challenging, and the ever-present danger of car drivers with limited awareness of two-wheeled traffic sharing their space. So what's so appealing about touring on a motorcycle?

In a car you are almost completely divorced from your surroundings and environment. You're sitting in a cosy bubble, warm and dry, with music on demand and let's face it, you can't fall off a car.

On a motorcycle you are completely and very physically in touch with, and affected by, everything around you; wind, road surface, traffic, ambient good or bad weather conditions and surrounding geographical situation.

Added to being attuned to these factors is the personal satisfaction of having mastered a motor vehicle which demands unremitting concentration and skill. Riding a motorcycle is much more difficult than driving a car, and it's supremely easy to ride one badly.

Touring on two wheels leaves you entirely free to easily explore roads and locations which in a most other vehicles would be drudgery – for example, a day on the Pyrenean Mountains would be a struggle in a car.

### Switchback

Negotiating the endless switchback bends and steep ascents and descents is hard work; but on a motorcycle such roads are a joy to ride, again emphasising the relationship between bike and rider and the latter's total empathy with what he is sitting on and surrounded by.

Carrying the required baggage for touring is a challenge in itself. Are you camping, and needing to sacrifice space for tent and sleeping-bag, stove and camp bed? Or are you bed-and-breakfasting and able to use your carrying space for a few luxuries? Roll-up vacuum bags are a lifesaver in either situation, keeping clean clothes separate from dirty ones and reducing kit such as bulky sleeping-bags to a more manageable volume. A tank bag resting secure on top of the fuel tank is essential for items such as camera, phone, satnav and documents, as are fixed 'hard' or throwover 'soft' panniers. These are more suited to items less immediately required whilst in transit. You've already packed your wet-weather kit and travelling toolbox, and now you're wondering how all the rest of your clothes are going to fit in to what space remains. Follow the time-honoured strategy of "take out half the clothes and put in twice the money".

Both satnav and printed maps are essential, and bike-to-bike radio communication between the members of the group is highly desirable. Resist the urge to wear a backpack as this not only puts added strain on your upper body whilst riding, but also can cause serious spinal damage in the event of a spill. Instead, use a waterproof 'ditty bag' strapped to the pillion seat, bearing in mind that items carried here are vulnerable to thieves if you park your bike and go off exploring.

### Sleeping

Camping has its pleasures but riding, erecting a tent, sleeping and setting off the next day in continuous rain is no joke. In such conditions, seek out a budget B&B or in France use the Formule-1 hotels. These are widely available, cheap and clean and you can book in after-hours at the hole-in-the-wall terminal.

Successful touring of any type is massively dependent on advance planning. Where are we going, and why are we going there? What is there to do, is there something for everyone to enjoy? What do we do if something goes wrong, what is Plan B or Plan C? Has everyone had an equal say in the logistics? Don't forget to take into account different levels of experience, skill and bike performance amongst the touring party. Three or four riders is ideal – more than that and the tour becomes exponentially complex to manage in terms of arrangements and personal interaction.

Those on their first touring holiday will usually be taken by surprise at the necessary mileages, especially in Europe. A sensible figure for beginners would be an average of 150 or 200 miles per day. It's very easy to underestimate this aspect, so when planning, measure your trip on a day-to-day basis, with a rest day in the tour's structure.

Try to make the daily plan as flexible as possible, and be prepared to sacrifice a destination if conditions go against you. Above all keep up-to-date with weather forecasts. When rain threatens, make progress while the weather's good and be ready for unscheduled stops.

If you're not camping or B&Bing, having a fixed base such as rented chalet, caravan or cottage has major benefits. It's warm, dry and you save much money by not having to eat out every evening. More importantly, when you go off and park at some interesting location, your carrying capacity will be empty enough for you to change out of leathers and boots into comfortable clothes. Leave your bike kit locked in empty top box or panniers. It's no fun trudging around a tourist attraction on a hot day in heavy bike kit and carrying helmet and tank bag.

Take my word for it – motorcycle touring is great fun. Plan it well – and enjoy it! See [www.motorcycletouring.org](http://www.motorcycletouring.org)



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## Win over rivals has Beacon bragging

### Tales from The Bratch

BEACON bagged the local bragging rights as they claimed victory over neighbours Swindon in their latest Staffs Clubs Premier Division outing.

Teenage seamer Tom Elwell took 3-31 and South African James Baikoff 3-50 as Beacon dismissed Swindon for 173.

Beacon old-boy Aqil Ahmed top-scored for Swindon with 67.

Baikoff (64) and Chris Townsend (33 not out) then saw Beacon home by four wickets.

Talented youngster Zak Smith was the star of the show for Beacon's seconds in their comprehensive victory at Swindon.

The Worcestershire under-14 all-rounder struck a superb unbeaten 105 as Beacon eased past Swindon's total of 147 for the loss of two wickets.

Jake Cartwright offered support with 30 while Mike Hartwell had earlier claimed 5-24 with the ball.

Beacon's third XI slumped to a 134-run defeat against Whitmore Reans.

Anthony Hartwell matched his son Mike's efforts with the ball, taking 5-39 while Alan Green claimed 4-60 as Whitmore Reans made 207.

Beacon were then rolled over for 73 in reply.

## Clegg gets the history

HEATHENS star Max Clegg enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the history of the former Cradley club last week.

The teenage reserve was in attendance as the likes of Jan O Pedersen, Peter Adams and Alan Grahame recalled the all-conquering Cradley side of 1983 at a celebration evening to mark the 30th Anniversary of the record breaking team.

It was an excellent lesson for Clegg who himself has enjoyed tremendous success wearing the famous green, red and white in 2013.

And he has revealed his delight at how his first season with Dudley has developed so far.

Clegg said: "It was great to learn a lot more about the history of the club. I heard some great stories about the Heathens."

# Heathens battle on to beat Buxton side

### Speedway

DUDLEY battled against the odds to continue their winning run with a 46-43 victory at Buxton.

With Ashley Morris missing due to Premier League commitments and guest Steve Boxall ruled out late on through injury, fans favourite Paul Starke answered a late S.O.S to take his place in the Heathens' side.

Starke scored a vital 11 points from four rides before leaving at the interval to make the dash to Leicester where he will ride for Berwick this evening.

He helped to form an excellent

top two alongside Lewis Blackbird, whilst Dan Greenwood also stepped up to put in a strong display.

Max Clegg, Gareth Isherwood and Nathan Greaves all made solid contributions as the former-Cradley club edged an important victory to make it eight wins out of eight in the National League.

Yet the win did come at a cost - with youngster Greaves suffering a possible concussion in a heat 12 spill.

It was certainly an excellent win for the resilient Heathens -

and boss Will Pottinger was delighted to see his side add another three points to their league tally. He said: "We were really up against it this morning after Steve Boxall was forced to pull out of his guest booking after crashing against Stoke last night.

"Fortunately we managed to persuade Paul Starke to take four rides before leaving for Leicester, and that made the difference for us in the end to be

honest. "It was a good performance from the lads that were here as we were obviously missing Ash. Lewis led the team excellently, Dan Greenwood did well and it was another great win for us to keep our good form going."

**Dudley 46:** Lewis Blackbird 15+1, Paul Starke 11, Dan Greenwood 8+1, Max Clegg 7, Gareth Isherwood 3+1, Nathan Greaves 2+1, Ashley Morris R/R.

**Buxton 43:** Charles Wright 12, Adam McKinna 9, Liam Carr 7+2, Lee Smart 7, Ryan Blacklock 4+1, Tom Woolley 3+1, Matt Williamson 1.

• The Heathens are opening the doors for children to next Tuesday's National League clash with the Isle of Wight for free.

The league leaders are looking to maintain their perfect home record against an Islanders side who include former Heathens' favourites Darryl Ritchings and Tom Perry.

Club bosses have decided to allow all children under 16 in for free to mark the end of the school summer holidays. Normal admission prices apply of £11 adults and £8 concessions. Programmes are £2.

# Pemberton is saviour as Tipton grab a draw

### Tipton Town 1 Rochester 1

**TIPTON** had James Pemberton to thank for avoiding defeat after spurning at least a dozen golden chances to comfortably take three points.

Despite having the majority of the possession and carving out chance after chance, Tipton were undone when one of Rochester's rare excursions into the home half earned them an equaliser. Tipton took the lead before the half hour when Joe Rogers - playing against his former club - headed home from a Rabone cross.

Just minutes later the same player found himself in another goalscoring position but Smith produced an excellent save to keep the deficit to a single goal.

Just after the half hour, Nisbett and Mensah Kinch combined to carve open a chance but with the goal at his mercy, Kinch fluffed his lines and put the ball wide.

Two more great saves saw Smith deny Raybone on 35 minutes from a Joe Rogers cross and then Danny Ashton just before half time, giving the home side a slender advantage at the interval.

The second half saw Tipton's profligate approach continue where it had left off.

On 51 minutes Nisbett failed to convert from close range and Raybones follow up was chalked off for offside.

Probably the best chance of the second half saw Nisbett race clear through the defence, only to take an unusual decision to round the keeper instead of shoot-

### Tipton Town

ing and finding himself running out of pitch.

On 75 minutes, Raybone surged down the left, doing well to carve out another opportunity for himself which - summing up the performance - he blazed over the cross-bar.

And three minutes later, a rare attack by Rochester saw them grab an equaliser when substitute Tom Cooper-Richards beat Pemberton to a header on the edge of the penalty area from a hopeful ball and Paul Henley's desperate attempt at a clearance on the line couldn't stop the ball trickling home for the equaliser.

Tipton set about seeking redress and had a goal disallowed by Henley from a corner for pushing on 84 minutes.

But it was Rochester who almost grabbed the most unlikely of victories on 90 minutes when Pemberton needed to be on his toes to deny Cooper-Richards a winner, producing a great block from the angle.

## How about that? A hat-trick from Stuart

### Tividale 5 Stourport 0

ONCE again joint managers Stuart Scriven and Ian Long were prepared to make changes with club skipper Sam Williams and full-back Mitchell Plows replacing Jamel Wilson and Aaron Baines.

The game started at breakneck speed and Tividale were ahead after just two minutes with a goal that epitomised their play so far this season.

From a comfortable position Swifts full-back Jordan Jones only had to clip the ball down the line to safety.

But he was closed down by Brett Clark who forced the ball out for a throw in.

From the throw Chris Field nipped in to win the ball, laid it off to Jason Chilton and his cross was headed home by Stuart How.

On 16 minutes it was 2-0. Jason Chilton set off on one of his driving runs towards the Swifts' goal and although his shot looked to have keeper Haydn Whitcombe beaten, it was touched in by How again.

From then on Swifts were never in the game and the prolific John Griffin had their one and only real chance of the game but his effort was well saved by Tiv keeper Jack Hayfield.

His strike partner Chris



Michael Wardle puts away one of the five goals Tividale scored against Stourport

Morrison showed his frustration when charging into Hayfield after he had collected the ball. It cost him a booking and he did not appear for the second half.

The game was all over as a contest on 50 minutes when Sam Williams drilled the ball into the bottom right hand corner.

On 59 minutes Clark ran into the box and was crudely upended by Stourport defender Kevin Spencer and How

despatched his third and Tividale's fourth from the spot.

With two minutes to go substitute Kyle Hill clipped the ball to the far post and with his second touch Michael Wardle scored.

## Midfielder Davis says, I am now fit to play

WOLVES midfielder David Davis claims he is finally 100 per cent fit after injury cruelly wiped him out during the run-in last term.

The 22-year-old has made the anchorman role his own this term after his mentor Karl Henry's move to QPR.

And he is fully fit after the last campaign ended abruptly for him in April, picking up ankle ligament damage in the 2-0 defeat at Bolton which ruled him out for the season.

"The season has started quite well considering I got injured towards the end of last season," said Davis.

"I did a lot of work over the summer but my performances in pre-season felt a bit slow and personally weren't up to scratch for myself.

"But it was all about getting up to top fitness and I felt I knew what was going to come from myself and the team when we got started.

"I think it was always going to take a bit of time for me to get back in the swing of things playing during pre-season.

"Even confidence-wise, it was about knowing my ankle was right again and now I feel 100 per cent and fit and sharp."

## Tivs come to the four over Saints

### Heather St John's 0 Tividale 4

MIDLAND ALLIANCE leaders Tividale swept to a comfortable 4-0 victory at Heather St John's.

Tividale struggled to get any real fluency to their play early on but they finally got it right in the 24th minute when Jamel Wilson found Brett Clark and he headed home.

Heather should have levelled when James Slack was through but keeper Jack Hayfield came out on top in the one-on-one.

On 64 minutes Tividale made it 2-0 when, after a spate of both teams giving the ball away, Michael Wardle rifled in a 20-yard effort that took a deflection.

Home substitute Macauley Holmes headed over before Chris Fields fed Clarke and he buried his shot past keeper George Woodward.

Jason Chilton cashed in on a mistake to make it 4-0.



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## Winning run over as No 1 missing

DUDLEY saw their winning record in the National League come to an end as they went down 49-41 at Kent.

With No.1 Lewis Blackbird missing due to Premier League commitments, the Heathens were unable to snatch a point from Central Park. It was a disappointing day for the club after eight consecutive league wins.

But team boss Will Pottinger was far from concerned by the performance.

He said: "It's obviously disappointing to lose our first league meeting of the season, but it's not a result which is going to have much effect on our season."

"As expected we really missed Lewis Blackbird, but all the riders gave it a good go on a difficult track."

Dudley were hit hard by the absence Blackbird with rider replacement contributing only two points in his place.

Although Ashley Morris and Paul Starke made double figures, the visitors managed only three race wins without their No.1.

Dan Greenwood and Gareth Isherwood put in solid displays but the Heathens lacked firepower.

**KENT 49:** Ben Morley 12, David Mason 10-2, Jack Kingston 10, Steve Boxall 7, Benji Compton 7, Adam Kirby 2, Connor Coles 1.

**DUDLEY 41:** Paul Starke 13, Ashley Morris 10-1, Dan Greenwood 6-2, Gareth Isherwood 5-1, Nathan Greaves 4-2, Max Clegg 3-1, Lewis Blackbird R/R.

## Loan switch for Boukari

WOLVES midfielder Razak Boukari has this week completed his season-long loan to FC Sochaux - exactly a year since he arrived at Molineux in a £2.5m switch.

The Togo winger passed his medical in France last week, but failed to agree terms.

However, after a round of fresh talks, the 26-year-old has now completed the paperwork in order to be unveiled by the Ligue 1 outfit.

Boukari was signed by former boss Stale Solbaken from Rennes but made only four league appearances before his season was ended by a persistent calf injury.

His departure means Wolves have succeeded in removing another player from their wage bill.

Kevin Doyle and Bakary Sako are the remaining stars whose future remains unclear ahead of the end of the transfer window.

## I needed more time at Wolves, says ex-boss



Dean Saunders

**SACKED** boss Dean Saunders broke his silence on losing the Wolves job after relegation and claimed he should have been given more time.

Saunders, who was axed within 48 hours of the club's slide into League One, spoke for the first time over the weekend about the decision.

The 49-year-old replaced Stale Solbaken in January of this year, but he was unable to prevent a second successive relegation after winning only five of his 20 games in charge.

Saunders was always a contentious appointment by owner

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Steve Morgan after the former Villa striker had been relegated with Doncaster the year before.

But he said: "It wasn't what I thought it was going to be. I obviously have to be careful what I say because you have to sign little bits of paper to get paid. I'm just disappointed I never really got the chance to do what I wanted to do."

"I went to Wrexham when it was in a bit of a mess, it took me two and

a half years to turn that club around. I got them to the top of the league in the end, then I went to Doncaster and it took me less time, 18 months."

"It takes time. I went to Wolves and I didn't spend a penny, and I lasted three and a half months or whatever it was, so I'm disappointed about that but I have to regroup and not let it affect my self-belief and wait for the next job."

Saunders admitted that he was hoping to be given the task of leading Wolves back to the Championship - a job subsequently handed

to Kenny Jackett. He said injuries had played a key role in the downfall of his team and his regime.

"We got it going. We won five out of six and I know it sounds like I'm making a load of excuses, but we got a lot of injuries towards the end. Bakary Sako, Dave Edwards, David Davis and Carl Ikeme," he added.

"We ended up not getting enough points and as well as that all the teams around us kept on winning. I'm disappointed with what happened but I would have liked the chance to put it right."

## Jackett no pressure for sales

KENNY JACKETT says there is no financial necessity for Wolves to sell Kevin Doyle or Bakary Sako.

The duo have been linked with moves away from Molineux all summer but have started the League One season impressively.

Jackett's response comes as Wolves braced themselves for a bid for Sako from Nottingham Forest.

In a local newspaper poll, in which thousands of fans voted, more than 90 per cent said they would prefer the duo to stay, despite the financial burden their wages might place on the club.

Both are among the top earners, with Doyle on an estimated £40,000 a week, while Sako's weekly wage is thought to be in the region of £25,000.

But Jackett is under no pressure to get either off the wage bill and says the club will only sell if another club matches Wolves' valuation.

"They are both in the team and that's a good thing," he said. "Their performances have been good, as have those of the whole side."

"They do attract some speculation but really from my point of view, they are part of the group."

"We will see how their standard of play continues, he added."

## Dudley's hopes for Cup dashed

**Dudley 1 1 Shawbury Utd 2** STRIKER Dave Howarth scored two for Shawbury to dash Dudley Town's hopes in their FA Cup extra-preliminary round replay at The Dell Stadium.

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# QUICK-FIRING YELTZ CAME THE SCHOLARS

Chasetown 1 Halesowen Town 3

**HALESOWEN** handed Chasetown their third defeat in a row as three quick-fire goals from the Yeltz wrapped up the bank holiday fixture in the first half.

After a fairly even first 20 minutes when neither goalkeeper was seriously threatened, the game came to life.

Chris Slater was adjudged to have tripped Chris Lait with the referee having no hesitation pointing to the penalty spot.

Neil Mackenzie stepped up and put an inch perfect spot kick inside Ryan Price's left post.

Within a minute, Halesowen doubled their lead with last season's hotshot Ben Haseley netting from close range. The game was over as a contest eight minutes before the interval.

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Price did well to keep out a header, low to his right, but Elliot Turner was in acres of space at the far post to steer home the rebound.

Jean Gueyes almost made it four when he out-stripped Richard Teesdale for pace and fired over the crossbar in a one-sided fixture.

The Scholars did begin to get the ball down and play a bit better in the second period.

It took more than an hour for visiting number one Paul Evans to make a save, and that was routine for him, getting down to hold onto a Paul Sullivan shot.

Nigel Penney flashed a header wide from a Mackenzie free kick and then Price prevented Haseley from adding his second with a

### The Yeltz

decent save to his right.

Chasetown did manage to score for the fourth game in a row though, netting a stoppage time consolation goal from Paul Sullivan.

Halesowen Town manager John Hill was quick to praise his team after a disappointing start to the season, results-wise: "Today was a good turn around after a couple of losses," he said.

"We've picked up injuries and made individual mistakes so far this season. We've had square pegs in round holes with players playing out of position today, so to come here against one of the favourites for the league and get a result is testimony to the players we have here."

Scholars' boss Craig Harris said: "We were second best in the first half and Halesowen were out of sight by the time we improved."

**Chasetown:** Price, Farmer, Tesfa Robinson, Slater, Beckett, Teesdale, Butler, Bragoli (Westwood, 83 mins), Wellecome (Hay, 66 mins), Sullivan, Stephens (Downing, 22 mins)

**Other Subs:** Keenan, Watson (not used)

**Halesowen Town:** Evans, Green, Meacham, Mackenzie (Fullaway, 86 mins), Martin, Kelly, Turner (Penney, 76 mins), Tonks, Lait (Griffiths, 66 mins), Haseley, Gueyes

**Other Subs:** Brady, Pearson (not used)

## It's a high five for Hales Ladies during warm-up



Rachel Letford being pursued as she heads for goal to score for Halesowen Ladies against Bradwell

### Bradwell 0 Halesowen 5

WITH some key players back the Yeltz crew were looking good as they headed to take on Bradwell.

Halesowen started a bit too quick and the ball was kicked around hastily, but as Rachel Letford scored with a through-ball by Sarah Hamill on eight minutes, The Yeltz began to settle in.

Good work on the left by Sophie

Richards found Gemma Moss who scored into an empty net.

The Yeltz defence dealt with anything thrown at them, it was good to see them using Hannah Tromans the keeper as a fifth defender.

Right and left backs Jo Butler and Lauren Affron got forward to assist the strikers, Dominique McKee Lauren Gilberto were very strong as the centre backs.

Girl of the game, Sian Whithall, scored within 10 minutes of the restart.

Then Whithall turned provider to the in-form Haley Chatters.

The goal of the game came as Gilberto passed the ball to Richards who fired from 25 yards out. Manager Scott McKee said: "Bring on the season, we're in great shape and can't wait for it to start."

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